

SEAMUS POWER (-11)

Q. Seamus, how would you characterize your round today?

SEAMUS POWER: Yeah, I'm pleased with it. I didn't quite have my A-game, I guess, but I was able to manage it pretty well and then hit some good shots at kind of the right time. yeah, so overall pretty pleased. Got a nice kind of long putt on No. 2 to get going and that kind of settled me down a little bit and was able to go on from there.

Q. The putter seemed to be working pretty well, a lot of one-putts out there today. Do you feel good on the greens?

SEAMUS POWER: I do, yeah. I've been reading them pretty well and my speed is good, so that's a good combination. It's just kind of getting out of your own way once you have those two things down. Especially we were third group off, greens were perfect this morning, so we really didn't have any excuses.

Q. Do you feel like you hit your irons pretty well? Your proximity was pretty good today.

SEAMUS POWER: I did, overall I was pretty pleased. A couple of shots I'd like back, but for the most part, pins are in some pretty good spots so some you just can't really go near, so I was trying to pick my spots and I think I was able to do that for the most part.

Q. Missed cut here last year in the first version of the Rocket Mortgage. What did you maybe learn a little bit from the two rounds last year and your preparation here that's helped you play so well through two rounds?

SEAMUS POWER: Not too much, to be honest. Last year I was kind of struggling and it was just, you know, it was one of those things, I probably didn't learn a whole lot. I knew I liked the golf course as soon as I got here last year, so I was kind of keeping that in mind more than how I played last year.

You know, it's a course, if you can drive it well, you're going to have plenty of chances, you can reach some par 5s, you have some wedges. So that was kind of a big focus on Tuesday, Wednesday, trying to make sure the driver's in as good a spot as possible.

Q. Players seem to peak at certain times of the year, you know, whether it be like spring, some guys just love like the west coast and the poa annua, some guys love just when you get into Bermuda. Do you kind of prescribe to the fact that you can peak at a certain time and maybe what time would you think would be maybe your

kind of peak time?

SEAMUS POWER: I think normally, but obviously with what's happened in the last whatever, four, five months, I think that's kind of thrown things out the window. You know, last few years I haven't played the west coast particularly well, so, I mean, in the summertime I kind of usually play some of my best golf for whatever reason. I probably putt better on bent greens, to be honest, and just growing up we didn't have a lot of grain in the grass and that sort of thing, so that's just one more variable that we don't have. But, you know, with everything that's happened, I think it's just for me right now, I'm just delighted to be playing, so I'm just trying to relax and enjoy it.

Q. You spoke yesterday about kind of not freewheeling, but kind of freewheeling as you get these starts because they're going to be kind of maybe few and far between. Do you feel like that's helped you this week just kind of go ahead, just play your golf and kind of see what happens?

SEAMUS POWER: I think so. Knowing, especially on a course like this, you saw the scores last year, knowing you've got to get to 20 under and knowing that you've got to stay aggressive and you've got to kind of let things go and you've got to make some putts. So kind of knowing that from the get-go rather than last year when you come in here and you're, you know, not quite sure what the scoring's going to be. I think that and the combination of yeah, this is my first start for a while, so I'm trying to enjoy it a little bit more.

Q. Does that play into your normal mentality, being very aggressive?

SEAMUS POWER: It probably does. You know, I probably rate myself as a pretty good course manager. You just have to kind of pick your spots. But the advantage I have, first two rounds that I've been driving it well, so I give myself more opportunities to be aggressive.