

WEBB SIMPSON (-12)

Q. Webb, one missed green, one missed fairway. Looking at this ball-striking round, where would you kind of rank as far as you've had this season or the last couple seasons?

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, I think definitely up there, probably top three of the year. I love the heat, I love playing when it's hot like this, the ball is going, the course is firming out, so I love that. And I love the turf here, I love how the iron goes through the turf, so I just feel good out there.

Good workout by my trainer yesterday, Cornell Greeson (ph). I thought he pushed me too hard, but I think he knew what he was doing, so thanks, Cornell, for that.

Q. What was -- like the way you were kind of playing right now, the way you're kind of feeling on the golf course with your swing and all parts of your game, do you remember a time in recent memory where you felt that way?

WEBB SIMPSON: That's a great question. I definitely feel like I'm as confident in my abilities as I've been. I'm having as much fun as I've ever had. You know, I know how this game works, sometimes it feels like a job and a grind, sometimes you're just having a blast. That's how I'm looking at it right now, I'm just having fun competing, embracing the challenges that we face on the golf course instead of shying away. When you couple that with confidence, it's a good thing.

Q. Hate to look ahead a little bit, but with a very good weekend here, possibly first or second place finish, you could be the highest ranked American in the World Golf rankings. Do you ever think ahead like what it would mean to have that and did you ever think that that could be a possibility for you in your career?

WEBB SIMPSON: You know, I'm never really looking at things that way. If they happen, it makes me smile and I'll celebrate it, but I'm trying to stay in the -- where my feet are right now mentality and just really take it day by day. I feel like that's how I was able to come through at Hilton Head. I think I could have gotten overwhelmed there on the back nine with how many birdies everybody was making and feel like, "Oh, I've got to make birdies, I've got to press," but I made sure that I stayed mentally present on whatever hole I was on and the birdies came and I was able to get it done. That's kind of how I look at it. If I have a good week, I'll look Monday morning at the world rankings, but I don't live and die by it too much.

Q. Last question here, same thing I asked Rickie. This is such a big sports town obviously with the four big professional teams, obviously Michigan, Michigan State

not too far away, obviously three and a half months without a sporting event, what does it mean to be playing in a city even though without -- even though without fans out here?

WEBB SIMPSON: I haven't competed here in a Tour event since 2008 in the Buick Open, in Michigan, and I remember then the fans were incredibly passionate and it stood out compared to other cities. So I wish we could have them out this year. I didn't come last year, but I look forward to coming back next year and hopefully experiencing it with fans. It's a beautiful property, too, so I know there would be some good spots for fans to be out there.