ROUND 3 INTERVIEW July 4, 2020



TROY MERRITT (-14)

Q. How would you characterize your round out there today?

TROY MERRITT: Just another solid ball-striking day. Anytime you can hit 11 fairways and 17 greens around here and not have to stress over par putts on these greens, you're going to post a decent number and that's kind of what happened today.

Q. Have you kind of been feeling a good round like this kind of coming along since we got the restart?

TROY MERRITT: Yeah. I mean, Colonial was rough, Hilton Head there was encouraging signs. Last week played the first two rounds well, was sitting in the top-10 after the first two rounds and had a poor weekend. Yeah, just kind of baby steps here. We're the fourth week in and a little bit more just kind of steady play this week and hopefully it continues.

Q. Do you like a Donald Ross test? Seems like this is a place whether you're a bomber, whether you're a precision player, you know, seems like a lot of different guys on the leaderboard?

TROY MERRITT: Yeah, places like this you're required to hit the shot that you want to hit. You've got options on every hole, you can play back or you can be aggressive, and I really like that. I know a lot of the guys do out here. The breeze is up this afternoon, yesterday afternoon, keeping the scores at bay a little bit, but still a real good test here, rewarded for hitting good golf shots and good scores will follow.

Q. You're going to be within a couple shots of the leaders at the end of the day. What do you need to do tomorrow to keep yourself in contention on to the back nine to try to win again?

TROY MERRITT: Yeah, just what's been going on the first 54 holes, just good, solid play, fairways, greens, a lot of looks. Haven't really made a whole lot this week, but really haven't had to struggle for any pars. So that will be the key tomorrow. Don't struggle for pars, have a lot of looks at birdie, see if some will go in and see if we can't chase them down coming down the stretch.