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ANGUS FLANAGAN (+4)

Q. Angus, just what are your thoughts on how you played these two days and just your overall experience here?

ANGUS FLANAGAN: Struggled really these two days. I'm normally someone who hits a fade and I kind of saw the ball falling left, starting it right, falling left, so that's slightly inside my club path and that's not really how I like to see the ball go. I had a lot times with like right-to-left wind. I normally go against the wind and stuff like that, but today I just had to go with it.

And just some misses out there that kind of punished me, really. Some silly mistakes. Like last night on 18, made bogey, hit it in a bunker that I shouldn't have hit it in.

But overall, it's just a learning experience for me. I'm not too disheartened. Bogeyed my last hole again today, but at the end of the day, it's like I'm playing against the guys I've always looked up to. I played with Tom Lewis, who's a fellow English guy. Seeing how he plays the game and he's ranked -- I think he's top-70 in the world, so there's not too much difference between my game and his game, but at the end of the day he just holed a couple more putts than I did and easily made the cut, so that was good to see.

Q. What kind of things can you take from these two days and actually your whole experience this week to -- I assume you're going to play your senior -- well, if we have athletics, you're going back for your senior year, right?

ANGUS FLANAGAN: Yes, I am.

Q. What can you take back to Minnesota?

ANGUS FLANAGAN: Just kind of stick with what I'm doing. Kind of seeing this makes the dream come true, kind of makes it more real for me, and then seeing what these guys get and everything like that, it definitely, it's going to push me to keep practicing and doing what I'm doing every day because I'm definitely seeing improvements in my game. Last couple days I was a bit tentative, kind of safe swings, which that's not normally how I play; I'm very aggressive, make a lot of birdies. I only made three birdies this week in two days, which is unlike me. It was a bit frustrating from 1 to 5 today, I left myself some very good opportunities for birdie, didn't really convert any of them. I think if one of those dropped, it would have been a different story on the back nine. I could have easily shot 3 or 4 under, but it is what it is. It's tougher on those greens, especially when they kind of -- I almost forced myself out there towards the last couple holes and made some silly mistakes.

But for me it's just a learning curve at the moment and I've obviously got to thank Hollis for everything that he's done, and 3M, for the exemption because without them, I wouldn't be here. So definitely thank you to them for that.

Q. What's your summer looking like as far as other amateur events you might play?

ANGUS FLANAGAN: Summer right now is, I leave on Sunday night for the Western Am. I just got an email about how they're going to leave the pins in and take the rakes away, dropping in the bunker. That's obviously going to be very different to this week.

Then after that I have U.S. Am. I have about 10 days between that, so I'm just going to take some time off, relax and then start grinding again probably five days before I leave to head out there. I'm looking forward to that. We have to get tested and everything again, so I'm not looking forward to having something stuck up my nose again, but it is what it is. It's the way of life at the moment, we've just got to get used to it.

Q. From a college perspective with the uncertainty, what does that do -- obviously with the fall season being in question and see what happens with the spring, what does that do for your mindset and your team's mindset?

ANGUS FLANAGAN: I think we're -- my team, not many people know this, but we were at Phoenix Country Club when we got called in. We were two days before a tournament in March and we had to kind of take it as it comes, really. I think that's kind of the way the world is coming to. We could get a phone call in 10 minutes after this saying the Big 10 has canceled all sports for fall, but you can't beat yourself up about it.

We're still able to play golf up in Minnesota and stuff like that, so we can compete against each other and have little qualifying stuff and things like that. It's definitely going to be tough because everything keeps dropping off for the fall and stuff like that, so I'm hoping that everything in the spring can pick back up and be normal. Just kind of take it as it comes and if something bad happens, it happens. We can't stop it. There are people that are above us that are making the decisions, they're the ones that can. We're just going in really just kind of openminded and whatever happens, happens.