

WEBB SIMPSON (-4)

Q. Webb, how would you summarize the way you played today?

WEBB SIMPSON: I played nice. One mistake on 13, out of bounds, made double, but after that played really good golf and made it fairly easy for myself and wasn't really a high-stress round.

Q. When you get off to a slow start like that, what do you have to do to turn it around?

WEBB SIMPSON: It's a golf course you can make a lot of birdies, so as hard as it is in the moment, you've just got to stay patient and I did that. I knew I had 15 coming up, birdie opportunities at 16 and 17. I was able to get those and, you know, turned in 1 under after being 2 over, so that was kind of a good hanging in there for me.

Q. Does it help you've had so much success at this course?

WEBB SIMPSON: I think so. I mean, knowing that the front has plenty of birdie holes, I didn't get too frustrated or ahead of myself. It was hard to in that moment, you know, kind of take a deep breath and move on, but you've got to out here. I think doing that enabled me to kind of get in position on the next couple holes to make birdies.

Q. (Question about Paul Tesori.)

WEBB SIMPSON: It was great. We did some good swing stuff yesterday and he's so excited to be back. His back's doing pretty good. It's a hilly golf course, we had rain gear in there, so the bag was pretty heavy, but he did well.

Q. (No microphone.)

WEBB SIMPSON: That's a good question. I didn't hit like any like really stellar shots. My favorite shot I hit was 6. I hit a 7-iron to about 12 feet, kind of exactly what I was looking for. And really 9, I hit 9 right where I wanted, it just didn't quite get to my yardage so I ended up a little short. Yeah, not a lot of shots close to the hole, but not a lot of bad ones.

Q. Is there anything you're going to work on after this round?

WEBB SIMPSON: Same stuff we worked on yesterday.

Q. Webb, when was the last time you lost a ball?

WEBB SIMPSON: It happens. I mean, I'm sure it's happened this year. I definitely didn't think it was out of bounds, but yeah, I hit one right last year and I remember being surprised that I had more room than I thought, but this year it just got a little further, so it was a bummer.

Q. (No microphone.)

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, I was happy, I was happy -- at that point under par would have been a pretty good comeback, but to get 4 under and still be in a good position after round 1, that's all I can ask for.

Q. How comfortable is it with that pairing?

WEBB SIMPSON: I love playing with Brendon. We've played many rounds together. I feel like we feed off each other and it's always -- it's always a good day. It was a fun day.

Q. (No microphone.)

WEBB SIMPSON: We've had some good ones. I would say growing up he definitely beat me more than I beat him, but even in amateur and college golf there was some good battles. It was fun to think back. We've known each other for 20 years, 22 years and we're still playing together, trying to beat each other.

Q. (No microphone.)

WEBB SIMPSON: Yeah, I mean, you don't think a whole lot about it while you're out there in round 1. Guys might think about it more in round 4, but those guys played great all year and no surprise they both played pretty good today. It's a good feeling. it's always a good feeling when you're playing with guys who are playing well.

Q. (No microphone.)

WEBB SIMPSON: Probably not. I mean, it would have been definitely a dream for both of us, but to be out here head to head each week, that's pretty cool to think about.