ROUND 2 INTERVIEW December 4, 2020

RUSSELL KNOX (-8)



Q. Looked like you might have been a little distracted?

RUSSELL KNOX: Yeah, I was. It's okay, though. I mean, it was a strange day, there was a lot of stuff going on. Our group had to take a few drops and rulings and whatnot. To be honest, I just didn't do a very good job of that, of kind of handling that. I need to do better than that this weekend.

Q. Let's talk about the good stuff now, 8 under par through two rounds. Opened with a 6-under-par 65 yesterday, 3 under on the front nine today. Got to be good to come back to a place you've had success at.

RUSSELL KNOX: Yeah, absolutely. I love this place. Obviously it was great to shoot a very good score yesterday. Today obviously I wasn't quite as good, as sharp but managed to kind of keep the round going a few times. I just never felt all that comfortable out there. I was a little guidey, so I need to go kind of free up this weekend. I know my swing is good and I'm rolling the ball well, so there's no reason for me to be a little tight like that.

Q. Obviously the golf course is wet, but today pretty much very little wind out there when you were playing. What's it like playing this golf course without any wind?

RUSSELL KNOX: I hate it, to be honest. I love it when there's wind because I feel like I can use the wind, hold the ball up or let it ride. Sometimes when there's just not much, I struggle to kind of see a shot. I didn't do all that well with no wind, maybe didn't take quite advantage of it like I should have. But still, I mean, 2 under's 2 under, and for whatever reason the course is not playing quite as easy this year as in the past. Under par's always good.

Q. How has the course held up with all the rain?

RUSSELL KNOX: Decent, to be honest. I mean, the last I want to say three or four years it's been exactly the same. Unfortunately, we just are in that time of year here where it rains all the time. Normally your feet are tired by the end of the week, lot of kind of soft grass to walk on. Yeah, it's fine. To be honest, the greens are rolling nice and the fairways are obviously soft, but with lift, clean and place is a huge advantage to be able to clean your ball.

Q. How would you grade your second round?

RUSSELL KNOX: B maybe. I mean, I didn't play very good today to be honest, but when I was out of position I managed to kind of get through it. Made a few decent pars and then of

course made three nice birdies on my front side. It was a distracting day, there was a lot going on. Our group had some drops and some rulings. To be honest, I did a horrible job of kind of dealing with that. I got kind of out of my rhythm a little bit, so I've got to do a better job of that this weekend.

Q. How did that get you out of such a flow?

RUSSELL KNOX: I mean, obviously when you're swinging good and when you're playing well, you just want to keep going and all of a sudden we're kind of waiting. I mean, it's fine, it's a part of golf. I mean, I've done this for long enough, I should be able to deal with it, but sometimes just the way you feel can kind of affect that stuff kind of stupidly and I've got to be a little better with that on the weekend.

Q. You've had past success here. When things are going well, what are kind of the keys for you?

RUSSELL KNOX: I mean, this course is all about just drive it in play and then attack. The greens are relatively easy to put on if you're in the right little area. So, I mean, for me and whoever's going to win this event, you've got to drive the ball in play. Then, because of the soft conditions, dead aim pretty much. Keep it between the mangroves.