



Q. Patton, how would you characterize the round out there?

PATTON KIZZIRE: It was fun. I felt like I played athletic, played strong and drove the ball down the fairway, which I've been struggling with a little bit the last few weeks. Today I felt good on the tee. My coach, Justin Parsons, and I had a little soul searching yesterday and we finally figured out that I've just got to stand over it as strong as I can and smash it. It worked today and I'm going to continue doing that for the rest of the week.

Q. Did Justin raise his voice hearing these conversations?

PATTON KIZZIRE: No, he's a pretty calm guy. He's great. We work well together and he understands how I work and has learned a lot about me over the last two years and, you know, we've seen some good results. It's not quite where we want to be, but I saw some improvement today.

Q. When you look at kind of the leaderboard, just a couple players who seem to be playing well who have been in a slump lately, Rickie comes to mind immediately. Seems like every player has a slump from time to time. Is it easier to convince yourself that maybe you're closer than you are in that situation?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, everybody out here is pretty good. It's just finding the right attitude, finding something in your swing that is very simple. But having that confidence and ability to go, just go out there and go for it and not worry about missing it right or missing it left. You start looking at your targets and swinging aggressively and making putts, so that's always a recipe for success.

Q. After a year, did you have to learn to not deal with fans again, but as fans came back to the golf course, was it something you had to adjust to?

PATTON KIZZIRE: I love it. When I hit a good shot, I like to hear applause. We missed that for a while. I know tournaments like Augusta where the momentum that you can get and the message you can send through those roars can be pretty impactful. So we're glad to see them out. It's good to see the spectators and feed off of them.