

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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TREY SHIRLEY (-5)

Q. Trey, 3-under par 69. If we can get some comments on your round, first of all.

TREY SHIRLEY: Yeah, my round was pretty solid. Early today was very windy, so tried to stay really patient. There's all kinds of birdie opportunities out here. They seemed to have a lot of back pins today, which is kind of tough with the wind. Staying patient. My ball-striking's been good all week, so looking forward to the weekend.

Q. First-ever start on Tour and you make the cut. What does that mean to you?

TREY SHIRLEY: Everything. It's been a hard grind for me, my family, my wife. Yeah, it's pretty emotional to make the first cut on the PGA TOUR. I can't describe it. Very excited for the weekend, though. Got to regroup. Need to go to the putting green to work on some putts. Didn't really putt well today, but my ball-striking's been good all week.

Q. What were the nerves like sort of coming down the stretch? With the bogey on 17, you had a couple to play with.

TREY SHIRLEY: I didn't exactly know where -- I saw where there were a lot of guys at 4, so I thought it might move to 5. Kind of pulled my hybrid on 17, hit it in that bunker and just a little bit long on my second shot. You know, what's funny is 18's probably the hardest tee shot out here for me and that was the best one I hit today. It was good.

Q. So what will the key be now going into tomorrow and Sunday?

TREY SHIRLEY: Just to have fun. I'm still -- I feel like my game's good enough; if I can start making some putts to kind of get up the leaderboard. Just keep doing what I'm doing. I know the course really well, just got to clean up just a little bit, just the little things. I look forward to the weekend.

Q. Is your wife and family here?

TREY SHIRLEY: They are. I've had tons of people here. My wife's here. My dad's on the bag, which is really cool. He's been on the bag forever. College buddies are here, my golf buddies are here. I've had probably 50, 60 people here rooting me on. When I make a birdie, everybody's cheering and stuff. When I make a bad swing, everybody's kind of gasping. It's cool to play a home game this week.

Q. Did that help you kind of get to where you could be inside the cut line?

TREY SHIRLEY: Yeah. You know, I tried to feed off the momentum a little bit. I still have to just stay within myself and play my game, not try to get ahead of myself because every shot matters out here obviously. One little mistake could cost you. So just got to keep your head down and enjoy it, but also just play well.