



ADAM HADWIN (-10)

Q. Adam, one of the few low rounds in the afternoon with a 65 today. How would you describe the round?

ADAM HADWIN: Oh, fantastic. Kept it in play off the tee. Well, did more than that; I drove it really well today. Wasn't in any trouble, hit a lot of good quality iron shots. Again, fat sides of the hole, I gave myself opportunities. My speed control's been really good. It's been as stress free a 65 as you're going to have.

Q. You struggled a little bit over the last few weeks, missing the cut in your last three starts. What do you feel like came together for you here today?

ADAM HADWIN: I think the biggest thing coming in this week, I've just been a little bit more committed to the process and less on the outcome. Certainly Playoffs, maintaining status, all that stuff has probably been creeping in a bit in the last little bit and I probably got away from some of the little details that make this game happen for us. So I've gotten back to that these last three rounds and it's worked out a lot better for me.

Q. You held a 36-hole lead when you went on to win in 2017. What do you feel like you can lean on from that experience?

ADAM HADWIN: Just being in that position before, I know the feeling. It's been a while, but I know the feeling, it's still there. I think more than anything now, just the game plan that we've had coming into this week, just again focusing on that process and less on the outcome and not worrying about FedExCup position, Playoffs, all that kind of stuff and just focusing on the shot at hand. If I can do that, I'll be in good shape.

Q. Adam, we know you've gone low, 59. What is the challenge to going to the first tee knowing that you've got to go low to keep pace at a tournament like this?

ADAM HADWIN: It is a different mindset, but to be honest with you, I feel like a broken record standing here, I was not thinking score at all. Again, I'm trying to take the outcome out of it at all costs. Obviously it's hard to not do it at times. You're looking at your name on the first page of the leaderboard and climbing up, but again, I just did a really good job of going through the process with my caddie, picking a target, picking an end point and just trying to hit a golf shot. My goal is to do that for the next 36 holes, win or lose. Like I said, it's been a struggle this year, so it's nice to have some good things to build on.

Q. Despite your stress-free round, how much more difficult was it than compared to yesterday?

ADAM HADWIN: Definitely, definitely more difficult. You had to control your ball, you had to hit it much more solid today, you couldn't get away with some of the misses like you could yesterday. Even the last two iron shots, 8 and 9, instead of being 30 and 50 feet, I would have been 15 and 30 feet yesterday, so it just made it that much more challenging. But again, I've hit it solid now for pretty much all 36 holes and I've got a pretty good handle on the speed of the greens, so I feel good going to the weekend.

Q. Three years ago the inaugural 3M Open here was quite a finish, DeChambeau, Morikawa, Wolff. Who finished fourth that year?

ADAM HADWIN: I did.

Q. How many people do you think would know the answer to that trivia question?

ADAM HADWIN: Me.

Q. What are your memories of that?

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, it was a fantastic week. You know, I actually, I don't know how far back I was going into the final round, but I know I was close enough to where if I put a good round together, I'd have a chance. I do remember going out and telling my caddie and I, we committed to never looking at a leaderboard that day and I never did, shockingly enough, which is hard for me to do. But I didn't look at a leaderboard until I made my birdie putt on 18, and then I looked up obviously and Bryson had finished in ahead of me and then Collin and Matthew finished ahead of me and behind. I had a chance to win a golf tournament that week, so I have good feelings at this golf course. I've played well through 36 now, just got to keep it going.

Q. Does your performance impact you coming back here this year?

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, I mean, it's mostly was where I was standing in FedEx, I needed to play. I'm certainly having good feelings towards an event and playing well at an event a couple years ago didn't hurt.

Q. How long did you live in Moose Jaw?

ADAM HADWIN: Very briefly. I was only there a couple years and then we left.

Q. Six birdies and no bogeys today and you got it to double digits.

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, it feels pretty good. Been a bit of a struggle this year, but playing some nice golf. We committed to kind of focus on a little bit more of the process and less on the outcome in the second round of The Open last week and it worked there, and it's worked through two rounds here, so I've got two more big ones to go.

Q. We got to watch you most of the day and I don't remember you being under any stress or trouble for the better part of the round. It's got to be a great feeling to go around this golf course, there's a lot of water and trouble out there, but you didn't see any of that?

ADAM HADWIN: I tell you what, it feels really good to kind of play stress free for a little bit. Like I said, it hasn't been very stress free in the last couple months. Again, picking spots, hitting targets, I'm pulling golf shots off, hitting it to the smart sides of the pins and having tap-ins for par when I miss birdies. If I can keep playing stress free the rest of this weekend, I'll feel pretty good.

Q. But you know how to win on the PGA TOUR, Valspar Championship 2017. Tell me about the prospects for the weekend and leaning on that experience as well.

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, I feel like committing to that process has kind of gotten me a little bit more confident in my game. Like I said, I'm hitting those targets better than I had been. I guess just narrowing in the focus has kind of freed me up a little bit to make some more committed golf swings. So I feel good, just a matter of continuing doing the same thing and 36 holes to go still.