ROUND 2 INTERVIEW NOVEMBER 5, 2021

MATTHEW WOLFF (-13)



Q. Probably not the finish that you were looking for the last three holes, but a lot of good in your second round. How would you assess your play?

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, just a lot of good, like you said. I had a couple bad breaks coming in. No. 16 just doesn't really set up well for me, not going to take driver there, and 3-wood kind of works away from the fairway. You know, like I said, it was a hard finish, but I was really happy with how I played today. Felt like it was pretty difficult this afternoon, honestly. Wind started to swirl a little bit and pick up.

But yeah, I mean, I was really happy with how I started because, you know, following a round like I had yesterday, it's not always easy to come out and keep on making birdies and glad I proved to myself that I could do it. Yeah, I put myself in a really good spot, so I'm excited for the week.

Q. When you look at it, you had a two-shot lead coming into today, you're the guy with a target on your back. You're going to carry that lead into the weekend. What was it like trying to follow up that 61?

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, like I said, when you shoot that low of a round, even 3 under the next day, to me it just, you know, maybe not quite as good because of the round I had yesterday, but at the end of the day 3 under in the afternoon wave, I was really pleased with that. Felt like I maybe could have made a few more putts and stuff like that, but yeah, I mean, I feel like I'm hitting it really good. All parts of my game are clicking and just looking forward to a good weekend.

Q. We were talking about it on the broadcast, you've been really conservative off the tee. Has that freed up the rest of your game in a sense?

MATTHEW WOLFF: For sure, yeah, I haven't hit one ball out of play yet. Not to jinx myself, but like I said, feel really confident with every part of my game. My 2-iron and 3-wood are just really strong right now. I feel like I'm not even really giving up that much distance because balls aren't rolling really in the fairway. Giving myself a lot of good looks from the middle of the fairway with not that long of clubs, and I think the most important thing here is, or most important thing is to keep it in play, which I'm doing well.

Q. It's one of the oldest cliches in golf, hard to follow up a low round with another one. I would think you're pretty pleased with 3 under today despite that finish?

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, really pleased. Like I said, it's sometimes not as -- I'm not sure

really how to say it, but when you shoot 3 under following a 10 under, you're always like I definitely left some out there, but the afternoon wasn't playing extremely easy out there. Had a good round going, a couple bogeys coming in, but I think for two rounds I've only made three bogeys, so I'll take that any day of the week and put myself in a really good spot on the weekend.

Q. I was talking to George earlier today and he outlined some swing tweaks you guys have been working on. What's been clicking this week that you guys have been targeting?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I think just the setup really. I've been working really hard on just controlling the things that I can control. You're always going to make bad swings out there and -- well, not always, but it happens and you can't control that. Setting up well, picking the right club, feeling confident before you hit the shot, those are all things that I can control.

We've definitely been working on a few things, but I think for the most part, when I get out in tournaments, when I play the best, I don't really have too many swing thoughts. I'm just making sure that my setup feels the same shot in and shot out and from there I just let it loose and I tell myself not to really, you know, guide it out there, because as soon as you do that, that's when you hit some errant shots. I feel really good with every part of my game and I just tell myself, go out there, swing it hard and find the ball.

Q. You earned yourself a late tee time tomorrow. Will you go to the beach, the pool? What's the morning plan?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I don't know. I'm actually going to go to Saffron in Banyan Tree here. It's a Thai place that a lot of people say is really good. Probably get out of here as soon as I'm done with this and take a shower first.

Q. Is Matt Jones the fastest guy you've ever played with?

MATTHEW WOLFF: Absolutely, without a doubt. But I will say he was faster in the practice rounds. It's almost borderline, he acts like he doesn't even care, but I promise you he does. It's just how he works. I was talking to him about it and he's very, once thoughts kind of go into his head, he doesn't really play well. So he has a good thought going into the ball and as quickly as he can hit it and keep those good thoughts going, that's what he does.