

COREY CONNERS (-8)

Q. Corey, general thoughts on the round?

COREY CONNERS: Obviously a great round. Had a really nice stretch there at the end of the first nine, made five birdies in a row. Always feels good when you do that. Felt like my ball-striking was really strong today, I hit it close a lot of times.

And not disappointed with the score whatsoever, but I had a lot of really close calls on some other birdie putts that could have went in, but fantastic round and, yeah, quite happy.

Q. For us mere mortals, what is it like to go a six-hole stretch and your longest birdie putt was five feet?

COREY CONNERS: It's pretty enjoyable, can't lie. I was striking the ball really, really well and it's definitely fun. I was driving it in the fairway and gave myself some short clubs into the holes and was able to knock them tight. It always feels good.

Q. When you wake up in the morning and it's still, do you adjust knowing I've got to go low today, especially knowing what's coming in tomorrow?

COREY CONNERS: Not really. Just tried to stick to my game plan and hit aggressive shots. When I was out there when the conditions were pretty still, I was able to pick pretty aggressive targets, but going into the day I didn't really want to try and force a low round, just wanted to play some golf and have fun.

Q. Congratulations for last week.

COREY CONNERS: Thank you.

Q. Has that factored into this at all? I'm guessing you haven't had a chance to practice much.

COREY CONNERS: Yeah, we welcomed our first child last week, my wife, Malory, and I; a baby girl, Reis. It was amazing. My wife and baby are doing great. Kind of a last-minute addition to come up here, so I feel like it's a bonus to be here. My wife's doing really well. She has some family at home helping her out, and she's a saint for letting me come up here and play and I'm looking forward to having a fun rest of the week and then being a dad for a little while.

Q. Saving up on the sleep, I'm guessing?

COREY CONNERS: Yeah, I've been sleeping a little better than her this week. Feel for her, but she's amazing and they're both cheering me on.

Q. Is the game easy when you play it like you did today?

COREY CONNERS: Yeah, it felt pretty easy. I felt like I was in really good control of my ball-striking and when that's the case, you know, hit a lot of greens and don't get yourself into too much trouble. So the stress is pretty low and you're trying to convert birdie putts.

Q. How often does it feel like this versus how often is it hard?

COREY CONNERS: It's often a lot harder. I enjoy when it feels like this. Now I find after a little break and playing some golf at home, some of the rounds at home I play kind of feel like this, pretty simple. Just tried to sort of take that relaxed mindset into this week and yeah, so far, so good, but normally it's a lot harder.

Q. You and Sebastian, is this your way of lobbying for the Presidents Cup?

COREY CONNERS: I guess so, yeah. We kind of fed off each other, we both played great. He had a heck of a round. It was fun to be a part of the group.

Q. Do you think you might track Davis down and say, hey, we might be coming for you in Charlotte?

COREY CONNERS: Got a long time to go before that. We'll see what happens. I'm excited about the opportunity and going to work really hard to try to earn my spot on that team.

Q. Not that you necessarily compete against somebody on Thursday, but when the guy you're playing with is playing that good and he sees you playing that good, is it a good trickle-down effect on both of you?

COREY CONNERS: Yeah, I think we sort of feed off of each other. You're seeing a lot of good shots and just trying to follow what each other are doing.