

WOODY AUSTIN (-14)

Q. Woody, can I just start with your overall thoughts on this the week?

WOODY AUSTIN: Very good week. Only the second tournament of the year, only the third week of practice and getting out of the winter. So, you know, really good. Hit a lot of good shots. I only missed one green today. Keep that up and hole some putts like I did on the back nine, it will be a really good year. Hopefully it's a good sign because it was a bad year last year, so hopefully this means this year's a good one because it's a lot better at the beginning of the year than it normally is.

Q. Knowing what number Miguel started the day off, did you have a number in mind?

WOODY AUSTIN: I thought if I could get past him, I thought if I could shoot 7 and get to 15, he was going to have to shoot 40, I thought that was a pretty good number. I think that's what I shot. Pretty sure that's what I shot on Sunday when I won with Bernhard was 7 on the last day and I thought, okay, if I can shoot 7 again. it should be good enough, just didn't make enough on the putts. Then the three-putt on nine kind of derailed me. Made two really good putts on the back, so I can't complain.

Q. With him winning two of the first three events this year, can you just speak to how impressive that is?

WOODY AUSTIN: I played with him yesterday, he hit it good, made a bunch yesterday, made it from everywhere yesterday. I'm sure obviously -- so pretty good when you make two holes-in-one in the same week, so there's four shots right there. That might be the four shots that he had me by. Make two holes-in-one and you make putts and you hit it as good as he did, obviously he's on top of his game. But then again, he is a superstar as far as, you know, the Champions goes.

Q. You as a past champion here, is there something about this course that make it comfortable for you?

WOODY AUSTIN: It is a birdie-fest to a point, but you still have to drive it good, and I like shot making. It's not just bomb it wedge, bomb it, whatever. You've got to shape all your tee shots. There's a lot of right-to-lefts, left-to-rights and then especially on days like today, you've got to shape the ball into the flags because we don't hit it hard enough like the young guys to put enough spin on it. I think the benefit this year, this is probably the softest the greens have ever been. Usually they're quite firm and it's really tough to get them close, so you really have to shape them in there.

I think the thing about this course is the fact that everything is run-off, so if it misses the green, it's rolling off and giving you a tough chip shot. Everything is dormant as far as the bermuda, that's tough to chip out of. I think it's a good course if you're not on your game, you don't scramble real well around here, but if you're on your game, there's enough wedges and enough 9-irons and whatever to get close to the hole and make a few putts.