ROUND 1 INTERVIEW August 19, 2022

VIJAY SINGH (-7)



Q. Vijay, obviously off to a great start, 7 under. Talked to you a day or two ago and you said you had a little bit of a nagging injury. Was that much of a factor today?

VIJAY SINGH: It doesn't hurt me when I hit the ball, it only hurts me when I walk. That's why I'm on the cart. I had a great start, birdied 1, 2 and then chipped in on 3 for eagle. So unfortunate bogey on the fifth hole with a great drive, but kept it together, played nicely, kept the ball in play, which you need on this golf course. Just tried to make a lot of birdies.

Q. You've been playing well lately. What has that -- why, I guess?

VIJAY SINGH: Why have I been playing --

Q. Yeah, what's been clicking?

VIJAY SINGH: Nothing, just trying to work hard at it again. I got a second wind. I figured out that just hanging back and just relaxing and hitting a few balls ain't going to cut it for me, so I decided to go back and look at some of the things that I used to do that worked and started doing that again. Practicing a little bit more, not excessively, but more than I've been. That's been -- I think that's been the change.

Q. You mentioned that early start. How does that give you confidence going to the rest of the round?

VIJAY SINGH: I mean, 4 under after three gives you a lot of confidence, and a few more par 5s to come. It could have been a lot better. I missed a couple short ones coming in and bogeying the fifth hole, which is a sad thing. I was going for the green and made a bogey. Apart from that, I played solid. I made some good putts. You have to make good putts to shoot 7 under. So looking forward to the weekend and hopefully I can keep it going.

Q. What is it about this track that you like?

VIJAY SINGH: I didn't say I liked it (Laughs.)

Q. But it seems like every guy that's -- and you've played here before.

VIJAY SINGH: I played here before. I didn't play when the Tour came here, though. It's right in front of you. You know you have to hit a good shot to score. If you keep it on the fairway, you're going to shoot a number and that's what my plan is this week, try to keep it on the fairway and make some putts.

