POST-ROUND INTERVIEW May 6, 2023

WYNDHAM CLARK (-16)



Q. Good playing, Wyndham. Do I have that right that you're coached by your caddie or your caddied by your coach?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, one and the same. Yeah, I've been kind of solo as far as no coach out there for a little over a year, year and a half. Then my caddie, Jon Ellis, was a great player, so he kind of looks at it. Yeah, we kind of do it together. I've seen a handful of coaches over the years. I kind of know what I'm doing and now it's more of just maintenance on setup and path and stuff like that.

Q. And then you alluded to this yesterday I believe, the mental part of the game. What exactly have you done? You mentioned you read some books. What books have you read? And I think you've been seeing a sport psychologist?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, I've done -- I'd say it's one of the parts of my game that I've worked on in the past, but this time I kind of went all in and said, you know what, all right, I was very frustrated with playing good golf but not getting the results. I said, all right, this is kind of the last straw for me, so I kind of went all in on working on the mental game.

As far as books, just any -- I mean, one in particular was the Energy Bus, which was all about self talk, positive self talk and what that can do to your life and just perspective. I had a lot of other books that I've read thus far.

Yeah, I mean, really it's just more of making an effort to put in a lot more time on it and off the golf course.

Q. Energy what?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Energy Bus. It sounds kind of lame, but actually it's a really good book.

Q. What did you learn do you think at all from Bermuda a couple years ago when you were in the hunt, I think Honda when you were in the hunt that maybe you can use tomorrow?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I'd like to think I had more chances in the hunt than those two, especially this year I feel like I've had a lot of chances.

I'd say then I wasn't as good of a player as I am now. I also think mentally, mentally I was a lot more impatient and fragile I think out there. I'm excited to see how I handle the pressure



tomorrow. It's going to be a fun challenge. Obviously it's going to be tough, I've got one of the best players in the world right behind me and a bunch of other good players. I'm just really looking forward to the challenge tomorrow.

Q. I was just talking with Bill Haas about how well you're playing right now. What do you think the biggest challenge tomorrow will be?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Probably just controlling the pace of my thinking and my thoughts. For me, my challenge is I get just thinking fast. I play fast and I have a fast swing and that's not necessarily -- you know, that doesn't necessarily always represent how my mind is, but when my mind is going fast and I have that, that can be tough.

So if I can just kind of calm my thinking and mentally just be slow and calm inside, that I think will be the biggest challenge.

Q. On a less serious note, I don't know if you know this, but you were going for 18 for 18 greens in regulation on 18. Were you aware of that at all?

WYNDHAM CLARK: No. I mean, no, I wasn't thinking about that. I was more thinking I just hope that ball's not going in the water.

Q. Kind of funny that you missed it by like an inch, right?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah. I mean, I look at stats. The only stat I care about is where I finish at the end of the tournament.

Q. After the first two rounds and knowing that the course was going to get more challenging, more difficult, did you think 63 was out there today?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I mean, you'd like to think so, but no, it's such a tough golf course, there's stretches, there's like a few holes where it's really tough and then you are given some birdie holes. Every hole, if you don't hit it in position off the tee, it's hard regardless of distance or par 5 or whatnot.

Xander and I played amazing. For a while I feel like one of us was making a putt on every other hole, so it was a fun round. I'd love for us to do that again tomorrow, that would be a lot of fun.

Q. Do you think there's any truth to the idea like heat can beget heat, a hot player can make another player hotter?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I think so, for sure. I think he missed that birdie or par putt on, what was it, like 13 or something, or 12. Then I birdied 13 and I was kind of steady Eddie and I hit it in there and made about an eight-, 10-footer on 14. I think that kind of got him to where he's like, all right, I'm now three, four back, I've got to put the pedal down. I think that's kind



of what happened, I think he got maybe a little more aggressive.

I thought Xander was going to birdie in. It kind of made me think the same thing. I was like I've got to keep hitting greens and keep making birdies, otherwise he's going to catch up.

Q. So there's an energy influence there?

WYNDHAM CLARK: For sure, I hope we do the same thing tomorrow because it was a lot of fun.

