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CHANDLER PHILLIPS (-14)

Q. Chandler, end of the second round, right now you're on top of the leaderboard. How are you feeling?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Feeling good. I need to learn how to get the ball in the air, kind of putting everything today. I didn't hit it great yesterday but scored really well, shot 5 under. Today I kind of did everything really good and bogey-free 9 under. I don't know what else to say about it. I mean, 9 under any way is really good to me.

Q. I guess what did you do differently? I know you haven't been playing as well as you thought you should have been.

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: You probably know better than me. I don't know. I mean, it's just I haven't been hitting it great for the past like month and a half, but I've been putting well. Yeah, I don't know. I just hit it like I was the first half of the year today, put that with how good I've been putting. I'm just glad to honestly make the cut. I missed the last two. Last week I missed by one, felt like I really shouldn't have. But I'm where I'm at right now and I'm just happy with that. Maybe I can do it for two more days, maybe not, I don't know.

Q. Was there a point either during this round or yesterday where you kind of had a sense of relief, like all right, back to playing the way I know that I can?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: It wasn't yesterday. I'm telling you, I didn't hit it -- I don't know how I shot 5 under yesterday, I did not hit it good. I putted really well and I chipped it really well. When I did hit a really bad shot, I chipped it close. My short game really saved me yesterday.

But today I think I missed one green in today's round. I putted really well. I mean, if I got a putt inside a makeable distance, I felt like if it wasn't going to go in, it was going to be damn close. Yeah, I'm just really happy to be finally -- at least just see one round like I wanted to.

Q. Clearly you're obviously a very emotional kind of guy. It seems a lot more relief to you. I know talking to Rob Oppenheim yesterday, we talked about the adventure that every swing is. For you today, was it one swing early on even in the rain that clicked and you said all right, I've got it today?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Yeah, the first tee shot, because I teed off on 10 today for my first



hole. Yesterday I pull drew one into the bunker when I was trying to hit like a little bleeding cut off of the bunker and today I was just like, well, I'm just going to try to do the same thing, right's dead. So I hit the first drive and I hit it exactly like I wanted to. I was like, I didn't feel one swing on the frickin' range this morning that felt like that, so I just kind of went from there.

Hit a good shot there, hit a good second shot, made the putt. Go to 2, or go to 11, it's kind of a demanding tee shot because where the wind was this morning, you had to kind of like cut the corner if you're hitting driver. I hit it exactly where I wanted to again and I was like I wish I knew what I was doing so I could -- so I could keep trying to repeat it. I just kind of went with it, you know, and didn't really try to do too much.

I think that's been my problem, I've just been trying to worry about my swing too much instead of just playing golf and whatever you're hitting that day, just go with it. I like to hit a fade and I've been hitting little draws.

I don't know. Honestly, I'm kind of shocked myself. Like I know I played good, but it's just how I've been hitting it, today was kind of a shocking round.

Q. I was going to say 9 under means you know what you're doing, you're out there navigating the course. Second day in a row somebody in the field puts up a 9 under score. You talk about maybe pushing too much and not playing within yourself. How hard is it to balance the pressure of having to go low every time when you play every single week?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: I mean, by this point in the season there's no pressure because you know you've got to do it. I don't know what the cut's going to be this week, but other than Colorado, I think three times before that I think 6 under, 5 to 6 was our cut. You know you've got to come out here, you can't play mediocre. I mean, your mediocre days have to be 3, 4 under if you want a chance to do anything, you know.

So when you don't, I mean, when you don't hit it well like I have been, you hit it to 25, 30 feet every hole, you can putt really good, but I mean, I didn't make a putt outside 20 feet today but I putted really good. So it's just golf, you know. I just wish the bad golf-striking was a week long and not a month long.

