

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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ROBERT KARLSSON (-8)



Q. Tell us about your round, especially the strong finish today.

ROBERT KARLSSON: Yeah, it was nice. I mean, it was great, I had a nice round going, all of us. Unfortunately, Cabrera faded a little bit in the end, but we all played well and had a nice good round. It was good.

Q. Key to it?

ROBERT KARLSSON: When I hit my bad shots I got away with it. It's a little bit you have to do that on this golf course. I hit a couple of poor drives and one I put myself in a bad, bad position, but the other ones I got away with. That's what happens when you're playing well.

Q. You battled back from a knee injury, knee surgery, then your game's been trending in the right direction. What confidence does this give you being in contention tomorrow?

ROBERT KARLSSON: I'm really, really looking forward to it. It doesn't really matter for me as much how it goes tomorrow. Obviously I want to play well and do well, but just to be back and play properly and feel like I can compete again, it's a big, big step forward.

Q. We talked in Wisconsin on the range and you looked at me and you threw your hands up. What's changed since then?

ROBERT KARLSSON: Well, just have to keep going. That's the thing, it's hard to do it, especially when you've been a pro for 35 years and it feels like you cannot hit the fairway with a driver, which it was like in Wisconsin. But I've done a few swing changes and maybe the body's getting a bit more used to it, (indiscernible) in January and February this year. Yeah, coming back and just going to keep working.

Q. Anything in particular you worked on?

ROBERT KARLSSON: A little bit, but I keep that to myself.

Q. It's top secret then? How does it feel to have a chance to win, because it doesn't come often no matter who you are?

ROBERT KARLSSON: It's just good to be there. That's why you play these events, you want to play with the best players under the hardest circumstances and the best golf courses and this is definitely one of them. So I'm very, very happy to be in contention in the way it



looks like I'm going to play with Steve and Ernie tomorrow, which will be great.

Q. You hit four fairways but you hit 15 greens. What does that say about your commitment to your second shot and just what you've been working with?

ROBERT KARLSSON: You can hit a lot of good drives on this golf course and the ball just ends up in the rough. I didn't drive it badly today, I had three or four that were bad, but it was a lot of really good drives. Kind of just runs off the fairways because they're very slopey in places. In general I'm not that bothered by those numbers. At the end of the day when you're in trouble, you're just trying to figure out a place from where can I hit the next shot so I can give myself a chance to save par. If you're in the rough rough, so to speak, it's difficult. But I would say probably the four of them today, three or four of them was probably a couple feet off the fairway in the first cut, which is not a big miss. So it wasn't as bad.