

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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NEAL SHIPLEY (-18)



Q. Neal, 6-under 66, if we can get some comments on another solid day.

NEAL SHIPLEY: Yeah, played really well today, bogey free, which is awesome out there, it's getting pretty firm. A lot of good up-and-downs. Definitely need to work on a few things this afternoon to be sharp for tomorrow, but pretty happy with the round.

Q. Yeah, and one of those up-and-downs was there on the last, I know that eight-footer for par meant a lot to you and that capped off your 7 of 7 in scrambling today. So just comment about that again.

NEAL SHIPLEY: Yeah, I pride myself on being a really good ball-striker, but if you look at the stats, I have one of the better short game's out here and the scrambling percentage maybe hasn't been as high as I wanted from putting this year, but we've been rolling the ball really well this week. Yeah, I mean, I pride myself on getting up and down and playing some grimy, dirty golf when we have to.

Q. Take us through the eagle on No. 5.

NEAL SHIPLEY: Yeah, hit a really great drive there, got a huge bounce, ended up with like a pitching wedge in our hand, a touch downwind, maybe 160, really hot so ball's flying. Hit a great one in there and just had a really good read on it and put it right in the center of the cup.

Q. What's it make you feel like when like Lanto just walked by me and he just said that you are a star. How's that make you feel to hear a veteran like that say that?

NEAL SHIPLEY: It's great. From my performances thus far, I really feel like I belong out here and can play out here. My game's really shown up and shown that I kind of belong. So it's great to hear that from him. I had a great day with him and he was awesome to play with, and got some good tidbits from him from a vet, some advice, so it's great to play with him today.

Q. Until the missed cut at John Deere you were improving your position each tournament, Talk a little bit about the possibilities that lie ahead tomorrow.

NEAL SHIPLEY: Yeah, I mean, I'm just trying to go out and play really good golf, take it one shot at a time. I know it's really cliché. At the end of the day my career is going to be a marathon and not a sprint and whatever happens tomorrow isn't going to define me, so I'm not too worried about it.

