

Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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AUSTIN HITT (-10)

Q. Austin, bogey-free 10-under 62 today, just what was working well with your game?

AUSTIN HITT: I feel like everything was pretty solid. I feel like I was rolling the ball really nice. Kind of freaked me out with the irons, kind of started out with a real squirrely tee shot off the first, but chipped in on the first hole, which kind of settled things in. Yeah, was rolling the ball nice today.

Q. You played in this event last year, too. Coming into this week, was there any expectation? I mean, scores in the past have been low. Is there something you knew you had to do this week to find yourself near the top of the leaderboard?

AUSTIN HITT: Yeah, definitely. You know you have to go low. Yeah, this was the only one I had played previously this season, so I was looking forward to this one coming back. Had some awesome people that I stayed with last year that I'm back with. Yeah, I was really looking forward to being back.

Q. Does that kind of put you at ease, kind of have some familiarity with the course and staying in the same spot?

AUSTIN HITT: Definitely, definitely. It's been tough this year I feel like trying to learn all the courses, you kind of get worn down a little bit, but at least I knew with this one I had been here before, so definitely was really comfortable coming back. Glad to be here.

Q. What's been your feel on the season so far? You started off with the T-11 streak early in the year and then a couple bumps in the middle and kind of steadied it the last few weeks. Just what's been your thoughts on the season?

AUSTIN HITT: Yeah, definitely, definitely, yeah. I feel like I had a really nice start to the year which kind of secured my status for the season. I feel like with the breaks in the middle and not getting to play a lot back home, I feel like it took me a while to kind of find my game. Even about four, five weeks ago I feel like I really turned a corner, even though I wasn't seeing results. It kind of feels like a second half of the season for me. Yeah, feeling a lot better.

Q. Was there anything in particular you were trying to work on or figure out there?

AUSTIN HITT: A little bit of everything, a little bit of swing, a little bit of putting and felt like it



all kind of started falling into place after Greenville. Had a buddy come out who kind of caught a little something in my putting and kind of rolling with it since.

Q. For some reason it's like the first round of this tournament people go at least 7, 8, 9 under, but it's not the easiest course. What is it about this course that helps you guys make it look so easy?

AUSTIN HITT: Definitely. We were talking about it with the people I'm staying with last night, that it's not necessarily an easy course but it's almost in too good of shape, which is a good and bad problem. When the greens are this good, the fairways are awesome, it's like when you can put the ball in the fairway, you can give yourself a lot of opportunities.

Q. Talk about how penal the rough is, though. Not only is it wet and gnarly, but it's very thick.

AUSTIN HITT: Yeah.

Q. How difficult is that when you miss?

AUSTIN HITT: Yeah, definitely. Compared to last year, too, it's a lot thicker around the greens. Luckily I kind of avoided it around the greens mostly, and even spots I was in wasn't super penal. Yeah, when you can find it off the tee a couple holes in a row, it can start to turn into a tougher golf course.

Q. So it was super wet yesterday, it's kind of dried out a little bit today. How do you expect the course to look the next few days when we're supposed to get the same kind of conditions, bright, sunny, a little warm?

AUSTIN HITT: Yeah, especially with the colder weather I feel like it could definitely dry out for the weekend. I think that's what all the players want, we always want it as tough as it can get, and with an awesome course like this you start to play the slopes when it gets firmer and whatnot. Yeah, hopefully it can kind of start to get a little bouncy out there.

Q. Anything you're going to do tonight that you have done previously? Are you a routine guy?

AUSTIN HITT: No, no. Just again, staying with some great people, so hanging out with them and having a good time.

