

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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AKSHAY BHATIA (-5)



Q. Opening round 66, solid round. What did you think about it today?

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, haven't been feeling too energized this week so it's been a weird feeling for me. I've been pretty tired so today was -- kind of the goal of the day was to have a little extra focus. I played pretty solid and I rolled the putter pretty well and just got to clean up the short game a little bit, it's been a little lackluster the last couple weeks so I just need to continue gaining confidence there.

Q. Is that a mental thing or have you just been sick?

AKSHAY BHATIA: I think it's more just mental fatigue. The last couple weeks have been pretty tough on the body and the mind, playing in the rain and then Waste Management takes a lot out of you. Yeah, it's just a lot, but I'm used to it. I've played nine weeks in a row so try not to complain too much.

Q. That's a lot. Are you going to Cognizant next week?

AKSHAY BHATIA: I'm not, no. I'm just saying I played nine weeks in a row.

Q. Yeah, I was just thinking to the 10th.

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, yeah. I'm trying to just maintain the schedule a little better.

Q. Anything to tweak going into tomorrow for you?

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, just short game and hopefully the golf course will be a little more scorable in the morning. We kind of got lucky, the wind died down the last couple holes. If I can just take care of the par 5s a little better, tomorrow it will be better.

