

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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DAVIS RILEY (-14)

Q. Davis, another good day, bogey free yesterday, 6 under today. Take us through your round. Obviously you felt comfortable out there?

DAVIS RILEY: Yeah, yeah, been feeling really comfortable. Had a good day yesterday obviously. Yeah, it was a little slowish today. I was a little sloppy on the greens or around the greens on some of those par 5s, and made two really nice birdies on -- late in the first nine to kind of get the momentum going. Then, yeah, starting hitting some really good shots. The putter got hot coming in and yeah, just tried to stay patient and thankfully made some putts and made it a good day.

Q. Would you say putting was kind of the focus today? Seemed like that kind of was where you got your strokes.

DAVIS RILEY: Yeah, exactly. I hit it -- you know, I hit a couple shots really close and just converted the 8- to 12-footers, but to see a couple of 15- to 25-foot putts drop in coming in was certainly nice.

Yeah, to like snag one on 17, that might be one of the most difficult holes today. Hit a 4-iron up there to 25, 30 feet to the hole, that was a little icing on top. So yeah, I feel really comfortable around here.

Q. Course conditions, what kind of a challenge does Grand Reserve present the players?

DAVIS RILEY: Yeah, you know, I haven't played here in quite some time. I remember the wind blowing a ton. We haven't gotten crazy gusty winds so just enough to make you think. But I think there's definitely scorable opportunities out there so I think you just kind of have to be pretty aggressive into the greens to give yourself some reasonable birdie putts.

Q. I know not the start of the year that you wanted this season, but last week, made the cut.

DAVIS RILEY: Yeah.

Q. Do you think that was kind of a little bit of momentum carrying into this week?

DAVIS RILEY: Yeah, for sure. It's funny, historically I've never, I've just never gotten it going early on the west coast. I don't know why.

I was born and raised in the south, so I just think last week being in Florida, coming here in some hot weather, I feel comfortable around that.

Like last week I got off to a hot start, 7 under the first round I was in the top-5 and then just had a sloppy Saturday, which kind of held me back.

But yeah, I feel like the game is trending in a really good direction and I've just tried to stay patient because I know early in the year I wasn't ball-striking it well, but I knew it was something pretty simple. It was just frustrating because I could never quite turn that page and get it going. But the last handful of weeks, even in Mexico I missed the cut but I still felt like I played really good. So I feel like the game is trending nicely and the ball-striking's getting really good.

Q. Obviously plenty of birdies today, a lot of good shots. Was there any specific shot or hole that stood out to you today?

DAVIS RILEY: Yeah, I think probably one of my favorite shots of the day was 15, that par 3. It's a front left pin, I hit kind of a choke-up little draw 7-iron to about two feet, so I think that was probably the shot of the day.

Yeah, usually when you can knock 'em that close it makes it pretty stress free. Yeah, I would say that was probably my favorite shot of the day.

Q. And clearly there's a lot going right for you. Is there anything this afternoon that you want to work on or tweak heading into the weekend?

DAVIS RILEY: Not really. I mean, I kind of got the driver grooved towards the end yesterday and a little today. I was missing more fairways than I wanted to. Because I feel that I'm hitting my irons so well, if I can just put it in the short grass I'll give myself a good look at birdie. Might hit a couple drivers, get out of the sun and go to the beach or get in the ocean or something like that.

Q. Obviously Puerto Rico, not too bad of a place to go visit. Anything you've done off the golf course this week?

DAVIS RILEY: Yeah, I played in the afternoon yesterday and actually in the morning grabbed a cup of coffee and grabbed a book and walked down on the beach and sat on the beach for probably an hour. It was pretty cool. Not too many places where you can just do that and walk to the beach. Yeah, try to take advantage of that a little bit more today.