

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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KEITH MITCHELL (-5)

Q. Take me through that up-and-down you had there on 18 to finish the day. It looked like your stance in the bunker was really bad.

KEITH MITCHELL: Yeah, it was not my best second shot but I missed it on the fat side of the green on that hole, which you need to do. If you've got to miss it, you've got to miss it left. I got a bad lie, but -- really bad stance, the lie was OK and I was able to hit a pretty good bunker shot that actually showed me the line. Went just past the hole and showed me the line, knew it was going to break just a smidge right and straightened up and hit a good putt.

Q. Solid 5 under round. How would you assess the day?

KEITH MITCHELL: All in all, good. I made an absolutely stupid mistake on the first hole. It was lift, clean and place and didn't clean it. I kind of had a mud ball and shot it dead right, so my caddie gave me a hard time and made fun of me a little bit, which I deserve it.

Then had a great up-and-down on 9, probably one of my best up-and-downs I've had in a while. It was a tough tee shot to really put it there, it was not good.

I remember a buddy of mine, Mookie DeMoss, coach of Georgia, told me when you hit some of the worst shots on the green, you have the opportunity to hit some of the best cool shots from there, and that was definitely one of them with the bunker shot on 9.

Q. Similar position to where you were last week, looks like you're going to be tied for the lead or around the lead. What do you want to do differently this time around to finish off the tournament?

KEITH MITCHELL: Play better Friday through Sunday.

Q. What was your kind of -- like when you left Valspar, what was your -- how were you kind of feeling, how you started and how you went through the rest of the way?

KEITH MITCHELL: I mean, that golf course can do it to you. It's mean. You can hit some shots that are really good and just a foot or two offline you can be in the deep rough in a bad lie. I just wasn't as sharp on the weekend as I was on Thursday and it showed. So hopefully I can stay sharp and keep it rolling this week because clearly my game's better than I think it is sometimes when I've had some or near the lead after a couple Thursdays. If I can just remember that and not try to get too frustrated if a shot comes out like I don't want it, just kind of remind myself that it's four rounds and keep it going.



