

## Club Car Championship

### ROUND 2 INTERVIEW

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**RUSSELL KNOX** (-11)

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**Q. Russell, 8 under today, nice playing, low round of the week so far. Take us through some of the highlights today and maybe that stretch on the back nine with the four birdies in a row.**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Yeah, the front nine I played as good as I've played in a long time. I started on 10, I flushed a 5-iron over the green, made bogey. It was one of the best shots I've hit in like a long time. I kind of used that as a little bit of momentum even though I made bogey. I was able to play beautiful front nine, made five birdies after that. Got a little slow around the turn and kind of fought the bad thoughts, I guess, on the back nine a little bit off the tee.

My iron game is very good. And I got lucky a few times there on my last nine holes, a couple clipping trees and staying in play and great recovery, so I was fortunate there. You know, sometimes you get lucky. But the putter was good today. I holed a lot of putts, way more than normal, so it was nice to see them go in.

**Q. Any particular reason you think maybe your game's kind of turned around this week or things just starting to click?**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** It's such a difficult game. We've all just battled so much stuff in this game. I mean, I think maybe try to take it a little less serious than I have the last couple years has maybe helped me. As I've got a little older, I've probably got better perspective of my career so far.

I don't know, it's such a hard game. Some holes, some shots are so easy, then some shots I tighten up and it's difficult. I've got to keep embracing the challenge, the fun side of it and just, I mean, you never know when it's all going to come together.

**Q. What are your thoughts on the course this week and where do you think you can kind of get in trouble out here if you're not careful?**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** You've got to get in play off the tee. The fairways are generous, there's places -- lots of fairway to hit it into. There is obviously houses on a few holes, too, so you've got to avoid those.

But around the greens is where this tournament's going to be won and lost. It's tricky if you miss the green in the wrong spot, rolls down hard. Just good solid play off the tee and good

iron shots into the green, and take it when you get some putts to drop like I did today, you just kind of run with it. Yeah, greens in regulation percentage is a good one this week.

**Q. You mentioned this week been playing some of your better golf, but you've had some solid results still this year. Why do you think you're still able to play good golf even if not to your standards?**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Well, 8 under is as good as I've shot in a long time, so no, I'm delighted with that.

It's hard, I keep saying it's a hard game. The brain is difficult to quiet down sometimes and that's why I've kind of battled the last few years. It's still there, obviously my game is there. I still have a lot of trust in my iron game. It's fun. I enjoy the challenge or I wouldn't be here.

**Q. You played the afternoon, which is generally the tougher round to play, and you seemed to master that well. Can you talk about the conditions and the challenge of playing this afternoon as opposed to the morning?**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Yeah, yesterday morning there was a little breeze, but there was dew on the greens still, not as much wind. I love playing in this amount of wind, it's perfect for me. Like 12 to 15, maybe gusting 20 has always been my favorite wind to play because it gives me the opportunity to see shots really easily, using the wind or going with it, fighting against it. I've always really enjoyed playing in the wind. Was lucky to hit some good shots this afternoon and make the putts to shoot a good score.

**Q. Does playing in the wind kind of take you back to playing at home, or what's --**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Oh, for sure, yeah. We've all played in the wind, let's be honest. The U.S. is windy in places, too. Obviously growing up in the wind, I mean I barely played not in the wind. Obviously I've learned to hit certain shots. Maybe a one percent advantage.