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AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN (-16)



Q. Austin, 9-under 62 as you just mentioned before, just what was working out there?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Just on the greens, these greens are so good right now and feel like I'm reading 'em well, but six-footers were going in left and right, and then I was hitting it to six feet from kind of wherever today. Played from the fairway, made some putts and I'm just proud the way I kind of kept my head down and kind of kept trying to go low. A few nervous swings here and there, (inaudible) and nice 4 on 18, actually played the ball from inside the hazard right of the fairway and got it on the green.

Q. And you started off high, I think 3 through 7, five straight birdies. Walk me through that.

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Just kind of trying to not wake up, I guess. It was an early morning, no doubt, and then to see some birdies going in early, especially with the confidence we had after our round yesterday, just trying to stay out of our own way. All the cliches you want to put out there.

Q. And then how about 17, just walk me through that.

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: I don't know how that ball was over the green. I mean, 217 flag with help, I'm trying to get it like 210 max and I'm thinking 6-iron right now is going to land 200 and release. It landed 210 I guess on a little adrenaline and some downwind that wasn't there on the tee. Then that chip came out how I wanted. Does it go in every time, who knows, but it was going to be close. And that kick in just happened to break away and catch the edge which was a bit of an extra highlight.

Q. Does it feel good when everything kind of goes your way and --

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Especially in this format too where there's so many moving parts. Not gonna lie, I think it was a big benefit being an early tee time over here. Probably on the better side of the draw this week not having to play in the rain as much at Carolina yesterday, so recognize that. And everybody's at Thornblade now so it all evens out.

Q. How would you compare the two courses?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: They just play so differently. Playing that one only once, kind of

can make some choices on how you want to play holes because you're only going to see 'em one time, so whatever's comfortable getting around that course in 4 under, 5 under was kind of the goal yesterday, and conditions kind of allowed the wedges to stay close. Again, rolling it nice, made the putts yesterday and hit it nicely. It's kind of been really good. I'm not going to sugarcoat it, just one shot from the other and make the putt.

Q. I feel like you've been having such a great season, best score of this season, just where did this kind of new confidence come from?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Yeah, I feel like confidence has been there most of this year. I've been very consistent playing wise. This week's been actually -- had a few unique things going on.

So I'm actually playing with a local guy on the bag, local college kid, Evan, who's filling in for my caddie who actually lives here in Greenville and he kind of had some stomach issues and woke up sick the last two days. Had to take a backup and we got it figured out. So now we've got to figure out if I'm actually going to take him for the weekend or not if he's feeling better. I haven't talked to him yet today. Yeah, Zach's the man. Evans been doing great, huge shout out to him.

Q. How did you guys get set up?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: I threw a mutual friend here in Greenville that I stayed with last year. Danny (inaudible) who's actually playing the tournament. I called him yesterday morning. And Evan drove an hour, made it out there, warmed up, shoot 65. Come out here, shoot 62. I mean, he's not having to do a whole lot but he's keeping the vibes right, he knows what he's doing.

Q. Any type of mindset going into tomorrow?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Just try not to get too far ahead of ourselves wherever things shake out today in the lead. If not, so be it. There's a lot of golf to play, so can't let up on these two courses. Being back at Thornblade it's going to be a lot of birdies and hopefully I'm the one making 'em.

Q. And at this point in the season, I know you said you're just trying to stay in the moment but the great season that you've had and these two low scores, is it very motivating to get back to the Tour?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Oh, yeah, it's motivating. Seeing everybody, what they're doing up there, knowing the pressure that is on 'em to finish inside the top-100 the way the Playoffs are. I see myself as a Tour player and had a couple years up there, but having to come back down here and got to play good golf. So this tour's super strong and I've had really good weeks and (inaudible), keep working at it, keep working at it, and the putter's clicking right now (inaudible).