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ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN (-21)

Q. All right, Austin, 5-under 66 today, some momentum on that back nine. Just how was it?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Yeah, just patience on the front. Just different conditions today too with just being windy, it just makes this course play just a little bit different.

As far as the way I'm swinging it, just kind of got to go through that process a little bit. Kind of nice having my regular caddie back on the bag with Zach being there. Told him that we better beat our previous scores that we had with Evan. But no big deal, 5 under, we'll take it.

Q. What made you kind of come to that conclusion this morning?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Yeah, we were talking about it. Just last group, possible chaos around tee boxes, people moving around and whatnot, just something that he might not have been as experienced with.

And then also the ability to go and find tomorrow's pin and step it off for things that we might be able to save a shot here or there tomorrow.

He also came out and walked the course this morning, so he was up and ready and just champing at the bit.

Q. How's it feel to just have that kind of random support almost?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: It's great. I mean it definitely is something to think about after a round right now, it's like we just got done playing five hours of golf grinding and all these people just survived this heat, walking through just to watch me hit a golf ball on this course, which is pretty special. You know, I'm fortunate to be doing pretty well this week, and we've got one more day.

Q. You want to walk me through that eagle?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Yeah. I mean, the eagle, honestly me making birdie on 11 and 12 was probably two putts that kind of kept the day going, which is what I've been making this week that I haven't kind of in the weeks past as far as getting those looks and capitalizing on those 12- to 15-footers.

Eagle on 16 today, best drive of the day, able to just kind of let it go downwind, 6-iron from 220 -- we generally don't even know what I had pin because we weren't looking over there, just trying to cover that bunker.

Just rope a 6-iron and get it working left, and I'm sure it will look like it was just feeding back to that left corner the whole way on camera. Then just a little 10-footer down the hill, get it started and it goes in the middle.

Q. And then solo leader yesterday, one shot back --

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Yeah, I just saw Carl Yuan shot 61, that's some good golf today.

Q. You aren't far behind though the last couple days.

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: No, no, no, but conditions wise we're definitely different today, so good playing. We're probably playing with Carl tomorrow. I don't know what tee times yet, but got a lot of time.

Q. Do you enjoy chasing rather than having the lead going into the last day?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Haven't really had it in a while, so I don't mind chasing. Thing is you put your pedal down and just try not to let up out here. Obviously Carl's got the firepower, he's not afraid to take on some shots. So if it comes down to it I'd like to be in control of the tournament coming down the back nine, but if we're chasing, that's how it was written, hit a better next shot and go find it.

Q. Anything special to do tonight?

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: We are eating dinner at the house with the whole crew. Not sure what's on the menu yet, but looking forward to it. Throw our legs up.

Q. Had some good eats this week.

AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN: Absolutely.