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**NEAL SHIPLEY (-9)**

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**Q. Neal, 9-under 63 today, just what was working good out there?**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Made my fair share of putts, that's for sure, and had a couple close ones. Just really solid day, stayed patient. It was good, good way to continue following a good week in Denver.

**Q. If you want to take me through that turn, I know you got hot after that with the par 5.**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Yeah, yeah. I mean, I hit one into a couple feet on 10. Started I guess on 9, I hit it in there to about six feet and made it. On 11 I hit another great 5-iron into like maybe four feet, five feet. And then yeah, got a long one to go on 12. Yeah, definitely a hot start so that was good.

**Q. And then the rain delay, but you just picked up right where you left off.**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Yeah, yeah, made another long one on 14 there, and then yeah, I kind of killed my streak of 3s with the 2 on 15, so work on that next time.

**Q. And then 18, I didn't see your second shot but what was your thought process on that hole?**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Yeah, I mean, I knew with today's pin, the drop zone would be a pretty easy shot, probably be able to get a par look inside of 10 feet so if we were to hit in the water, so decided to take it on. Grass kind of turned the club a bit and hit it left of the green in the water. That's just going to happen. It's upsetting. I wanted to try and game ball another person on the front nine, it would have been nice, but we'll have to settle for 30.

**Q. That recovery was amazing, I think you hit it to inches?**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Yeah, yeah, we had a good number from the drop zone. Shout out to my boy Greg over here giving me a good number from the zone and yeah, hit a nice one in there.

**Q. Do you want to talk about maybe your relationship with Greg? I mean, you guys have been actually amazing together this year.**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Yeah, I met Greg last year, I think this time last year in Truckee, and yeah, he was working for Kevin and I picked him up in January. Yeah, we work really well on the course together. You know, enjoy each other off the course, too. It's been a good working relationship for the last seven months now. Excited for what's to come with us.

**Q. And picked up your second win last week of the season. What does it feel like to be in this position now? Are you really kind of gunning for that third win?**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Yeah, I am definitely trying to win again. I'd like to get out of here. Kind of trying to chase down Austin. It's a great week, I don't think he's here this week so picking up points on him and trying to keep closer and hopefully just grab that No. 1 spot.

**Q. I know you want to win three, but even with winning three you still want to finish No. 1 because there's a chance you could win three and still not finish No. 1.**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Yeah, I mean, the way it's looking now, I mean, I think I'm like 400 or 300 points behind Smotherman. So probably still (inaudible) catch him the rest of the season. Yeah, just trying to stay focused on playing good and if a win comes, it comes. I feel like that stuff happens when you stay patient and just try to focus on hitting good golf shots one at a time.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Yeah, definitely, definitely trying to win the season-long race, it would be great.

**Q. Neal, you talk about staying patient. How did you use this two-hour down period between the restart and going back out and playing? How did you do that to say, hey, look, it's just two hours, let's get back out there, and you picked it right back up?**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Well, we have a good group of guys out here, it's fun, playing some cards and just trying to kill some time. Yeah, it's always fun, just fun hanging out with some guys. We've got great camaraderie out here on this tour, I think it's pretty unique.

Yeah, made it easy to just do that. Yeah, just warmed up, just did my process. Unfortunately we go through this a lot, we play a lot of Midwest golf in the summertime and getting horned is just part of that process.

**Q. When you were younger, would a stoppage like this have bothered you and interrupted the rhythm you have?**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** No, it's just something you learn to deal with as you gain more experience. Definitely just something that by the time you reach high school and college golf, you're kind of used to it.

**Q. When you came out this morning, was 9 under the score you were looking for, because as you might know, last two years 25 under's won it and David Kocher set the record out here in 2022 at 28 under.**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** I'm not really gunning for a number out here. You're going to get stretches where you're hot and stretches where you're cold, so just trying to take one shot at a time really and just let our putter get hot for a couple holes at a time, and when we're not hot, just make some pars. I feel like if you stay patient, especially on some of the easier golf courses on this tour, try not to press to make birdies and that's when good things happen.

**Q. And lastly, tomorrow's weather might be similar to today and the weekend it's going to be sunny and steamy and hot. You must prefer that, getting that putter hot, too?**

**NEAL SHIPLEY:** Yeah, it's nice when you're -- I'd rather be warm than cold. Nice and loose, the ball's going far. The course is going to be soft, but it's nothing we haven't seen before.