

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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AARON WISE (-10)



Q. 65-65, Aaron, excellent start to the tournament these two rounds. Can we get some comments?

AARON WISE: Yeah. Very different rounds I would say. The score was the same. Yesterday I felt like I hit it unbelievable and left a few out there with the putter, and today was kind of the opposite, I felt like I was scraping it around. Made a lot of very nice putts to kind of keep the momentum going. Happy with just one bogey through the 36 holes and looking forward to the weekend.

Q. Just a few back right now. What does it mean to be in contention on Tour again after the journey that you've been on?

AARON WISE: Yeah, to me it's just another step. It's been a long journey back and there's been a lot of learning, a lot of growing and a lot of hard work.

Last week was a great step to be in contention. I think Gotterup won in the group ahead of me and the guy in the group behind me finished second, so I felt like I was in that one, too. This is just more good golf and another chance to be there on the weekend and learn from it and grow.

Q. You mentioned last week you just sort of lost the joy of practicing. When did that come back?

AARON WISE: Yeah, you know, after some good time off. It was more about -- it wasn't even just losing the joy of practicing, it was off-the-course life. I just didn't feel like myself. I didn't even want to go have dinner with friends. Like I was in a really, really bad place.

Kind of built that back up first, got to feeling like myself off the golf course and started introducing golf again. For a while it was tough because I just wasn't very good after taking all that time off. Slowly kind of got that fire back.

In the beginning of practicing it was more like felt like a chore to do it, I guess, if that makes sense because I wasn't so much enjoying it because I wasn't very good. It just felt like a lot of work after taking some time off.

But now I feel like I'm in a spot where I am enjoying the challenge and enjoying kind of the different days you get out here. Like not every day's the same. Like I said, yesterday I hit it great, today I hit it bad. I enjoy going and figuring that out now and trying to have a good weekend.



Q. Did you notice the positive reception that came after the interview last week?

AARON WISE: Yes, definitely. It's been the whole time. People have really understood and been understanding of what I'm going through and very supportive of me getting back, and I can't thank all the fans enough for being that way because it would be easy to be a different way, but I really appreciate them taking it that way.

Q. How excited are you with the positivity that you have going? How excited are you for these next two days to compete?

AARON WISE: Yeah. Not even these next two days, I'm excited just to be back out here playing at a high level and a level that I always new I could, but for two years there I couldn't. It's exciting to be back to that level. It's fun to feel like I can have slightly off days and still compete out here. Like those are all the little steps I've kind of taken along the way to get to where I am today. I still feel like I have a long ways to go, but I feel like I'm in a good spot now and I'm happy with where I'm at.

Q. And what will your game plan being over the next two days? What will this golf course --

AARON WISE: We'll see, you know. We've had storms all week. Yesterday actually got fairly firm towards the end of the round late there. Obviously more storms overnight and today was really wet and soft. We'll see kind of how the course is playing and what the scores are and what the wind's doing, but in general good golf's good golf. So go out there, try to hit as many good shots as I can.

Q. Anything you're going to work on specifically this afternoon out on the range or putting green?

AARON WISE: I'll take a couple videos, see where things are at and maybe do a TrackMan combine drill just to kind of sharpen it back up. Rest is important, I'll just do little things here and there, but nothing crazy.

