

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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AARON WISE (-14)



Q. Aaron, nice finish there for 66. If we can get some comments on your third round.

AARON WISE: Yeah. Today I actually felt like the best round I played and the score was not showing it at all. I felt pretty solid every part of my game. I liked what I did with my ball-striking between yesterday's round and today, felt pretty comfortable out there with it.

Just kind of had to keep hanging in there because the score wasn't showing it, it was just little things here or there. I cost myself one to two shots with going for, is it 7, the par 5? 6, 7? One of them. Had a mud ball in the first cut, went for it. Left of that green's not good and ended up making bogey. Probably should have just laid it up and hit a wedge. That's the only decision that I kind of question that I made.

Other than that, I thought the game was really good and nice to get two coming in. Feel like 4 under was a good round out there today.

Q. More rain we had last night, so just comment about the conditions today.

AARON WISE: Yeah. Honestly, today was pretty benign. It was soft, we had ball in hand and there wasn't much wind. It was definitely gettable and attackable. Truly thought I did the best job today of staying patient even though I was hitting good shots and just wasn't quite making birdies, but stayed patient and stole a couple there at the end, which was nice.

Q. How important was last week to your mindset coming into the week?

AARON WISE: Extremely important. No, I learned a lot from last week. That was the first time anywhere near contention for a few years for me. Definitely paid attention to what I did, learned from it, made some changes. And today I thought I did a great job out there mentally just staying in the present, in the moment, calm and trusting myself to execute the golf shots I needed to. Learned from today again and take it into tomorrow and learn from tomorrow no matter how it goes.

Q. One back right now, but likely in the last group. How important will that be for you if you are in the last group with Lucas?

AARON WISE: Yeah, it will be a great learning experience. Lucas has been playing some great golf for a few weeks now. It will be fun just being able to be there with him and be around someone who's playing that well. Hopefully we can get off to a good start and feed off each other. First hole out here is the hardest hole on the course, so getting off to a good start is pretty important.



Q. Looking forward to getting your second win, first since 2018. What would it mean for you to step back in the winner's circle?

AARON WISE: I feel a long ways from there, but it would mean the world. That's the dream when I was going through what I was going through, that's the end goal and the dream. There was a lot of times I never knew if I would even be able to play out here again, so to have that opportunity's amazing.

But I look at tomorrow more as whatever happens, it's just going to be a learning experience. I'm going to stick to my process, do what I've been doing and then look at it after tomorrow ends and chips fall where they do and try to learn from it for the future.

Q. Can you just talk a little bit about who's on the bag this week and how that's kind of helping you throughout maybe stay free?

AARON WISE: Yeah, that's become a big story. No, it's my wife. She's been caddying for me ever since I came back pretty much. It's been over a year now. She started not knowing anything about golf.

It's really just a comfort thing for me. It's someone I feel like I can trust and just enjoy spending my time out there with. As time has gone on, people have been trying to get me to get a caddie and I've been wanting to get a caddie, but honestly, she's been doing such a good job. She lets me just focus on the golf side of things. She takes care of everything else that a normal caddie would. And then I have my best friend on the bag with me so it's been a great thing. She's definitely someone I'll lean on tomorrow just to keep me present, keep me in the moment and have fun no matter what's going on.

