

Q. Got to be happy with that start today.

MARCO DAWSON: It was beautiful. Nice to play good again. I didn't play much in the offseason, but what I did do is I went through my routine, I guess you would call it the pre-shot routine or my routine during my swing and shot, and I focused on that. Wow, it really worked pretty well today, you know. And the good thing was my expectations weren't very high so I didn't hit any stupid shots. There were a couple par 5s where I had a chance to hit the green but the lie just wasn't good enough and things were telling me that's not a good chance to go try. But I ended up making birdie on both the holes by laying up. So stuff like that helps. And I drove it -- I don't think I missed a fairway today.

Q. Last year you weren't able to duplicate your two wins. Was there anything when you reflect back on '16 what areas concerned you or that you thought you could have been --

MARCO DAWSON: Well, I didn't drive it as good and I didn't putt as good, and both of those, those are the two routines that I worked on and they showed up today. They really showed up today. I putted well. I made all the putts I was supposed to make. Didn't make anything long but made all the short ones. Got up and down. If I missed a green or around a par 5, got up and down. Didn't have any bogeys. Like I said, didn't miss any fairways, I think I missed one green.

Q. Just your garden variety '64, is that what you're saying?

MARCO DAWSON: Well, I mean, it was pretty easy. If you walked around with me, you'd have thought, yeah, it's pretty easy. Just took advantage of the par 5s, got up and down. I missed a green on the par 3 and got it up and down, you know. Made all the putts I was supposed to.

Q. Did you play last week?

MARCO DAWSON: No, no.

Q. So your last event was at the end of the year then?

MARCO DAWSON: Yeah, the last playoff event.

Q. Richmond?

MARCO DAWSON: Yeah.

Q. Okay. What did you work on in that time in between now and --

MARCO DAWSON: Then? I played three times this year between then and now. That was it. So I got to play Seminole one day, played a two-day pro-am with a friend of mine. I probably played about half a dozen times, but I didn't practice by any means, I just went out and played. So I was playing, I guess I played last week with a buddy and I played pretty good so I didn't see any real reason to knock myself out. I figured I would practice some when I came out here. Played the two pro-ams, hit the driver good and that's the key for me. If I drive it good, I feel like I'm going to score good because if you're in play, you're always on the offensive. If you're driving it crooked, you're always playing defense, you really are. You're out there on every fairway thinking, wow, I can either go for this pin or I don't have to. It just depends on how many birdies I make, how many putts I make.