

Q. Nice to be in contention here?

LARRY MIZE: Yeah, yeah, it feels great. You know, it was a nice round out here. I putted -- that's the best putting round I've had in quite a while, so that was really good. A few errant shots I've got to go kind of work on on the practice tee, but 67, I was happy with that today.

Q. Which one of those putts or how many of those putts really stand out to you?

LARRY MIZE: Well, I made -- let's see, I made a nice putt on 2, but it was -- but 5 I made about a 25-footer, and I hit a terrible wedge into 12 and made about a 30-footer there for birdie, so that was kind of sweet. And then made two nice putts on 16 and 17. And then I just hit a good putt here on 18, I just misread it, it went right. I asked Pete, I said, did yours go right? He said, yeah, I just didn't think it was going to go right, but it did. That's the way it goes. I made a lot of good putts today.

Q. Is the course playing any differently than it has in the past?

LARRY MIZE: You know, I think it played a little bit harder today than it has some years, I think, with the breeze and everything out there. Some of the holes, you know, 9 played extremely tough into the wind. 13 and 14 are always good holes out here, they played tough. I know 14 played really tough. So it was a little tougher today with the breeze, but the course is in great shape, so if you hit good shots, you can make some putts on these greens.

Q. Did you feel a round like this coming when you woke up this morning?

LARRY MIZE: No, but I've been playing better, my game's been coming around. I've been playing better and just trying to keep getting a little better every day.

Q. The course is playing tougher, so I guess it's not a surprise, I guess? I mean, 5 under's a good round here any day, but we see 7 under, maybe even 8 leading the first round, but 5 under's holding up right now?

LARRY MIZE: As it still may not, there's still some guys that still could go lower. But yeah, I think it is playing, you know, a couple shots harder than it does some years with the breeze and everything. You know, scores so far are showing it, yeah.