

GENE SAUERS (-6)

Q. Obviously you almost had four in a row to finish there, didn't you?

GENE SAUERS: Almost, yeah. Can't complain. About a cup and a half out on that last hole and it just stayed out, didn't break. I hit a perfect putt.

I'm happy to be where I am. Wasn't feeling too good coming into this week but hit a lot of good quality shots. I didn't putt all that well but I guess I must have figured something out the last few holes. I missed a lot of putts on the front nine.

Q. Not a sluggish start, but perfect conditions out here, a couple under.

GENE SAUERS: Exactly. I'm hitting the ball decent, solid. Hitting a lot of close shots and hopefully they'll fall tomorrow.

Q. Two top-10 finishes in this event in three years, T4 last year. Obviously you like the golf course.

GENE SAUERS: Love the golf course. It's not real long, but it's demanding. You've got to hit a lot of good shots. I played good here. The greens are a little bit slower this year. I don't know, we're a couple weeks early. The greens are a little bit slower, I think that might have screwed me up on the front a little bit. Other than that, it's in great shape.

Q. Talk about your season. I think three top-15 finishes, playing good.

GENE SAUERS: Playing decent. Got a lot of confidence under my belt right now and that's what I need. I've been working hard on my putting, and I've always said if I can get that ball in the hole --

Q. Is that the key? As the putter goes, so go you, is that kind of the deal?

GENE SAUERS: Yep, pretty much so.