Round 2 Interview October 20, 2018



JAY HAAS (-11)

Q. Leader in the clubhouse, great round today. Is this what you anticipated when you teed off this morning?

JAY HAAS: You know, not really. I played a very nice round yesterday and felt comfortable. Made a nice putt for par save at the first hole, kind of got me going a little bit, then made a birdie at 3. So those two putts, maybe an eight-footer and a 15-footer, it relaxed me a little bit and continued to hit good shots. Hit a lot of good iron shots, kept it out of trouble for the most part.

But I've been out here too long to know that I can learn to expect anything. While I'm hopeful every day and I've been playing okay, the last couple weeks have not been very good, but this week has been much better. I love this golf course and it looks good to my eye. Most of the holes look like I'm going to hit a good shot, so I enjoy playing here.

Q. Did you sense the scores were low or did you watch the board?

JAY HAAS: I did sense, yeah. Early on it looked like there were some guys shooting low. No wind and the greens soft and maybe not quite as much speed on the greens as what we had yesterday. I thought they got pretty icy yesterday, there were some putts that were very, very quick. Today they didn't seem to be quite that quick so you could be a little more aggressive. I think what I saw early on, Paul Goydos shot 65, I think.

Q. Yeah, first guy off the tee.

JAY HAAS: And Bernhard shot 66, which doesn't surprise, but there's quite a few guys in the 60s. So I felt like I couldn't just tread water, I needed to put the pedal down and try anyway.

Q. Well, your experience, it obviously kicked in without too much trouble.

JAY HAAS: Well, that's a good way to say I'm old, "experience." Yeah, I think I'm very nervous most of the time when I play and today was no exception, but I continued to hit good shots and hopefully I can put one foot in front of the other one shot at a time, do what I tell my son to do every time, you know? See if I can put some of those adages to work tomorrow.