

WOODY AUSTIN (-7)

Q. Fine round today. What were some things that were working for you?

WOODY AUSTIN: On the back nine I really hit the ball close to the hole. I finally got the distance to the flag with the shots better. I struggled the first day trying to get the ball to the hole, I really came up short a lot. The first nine holes I did pretty much the same thing, struggled with the distance, but then on the back nine I really knocked the flags over for a while. Actually, could have been a lot better.

Q. Not with your example, but overall it seems like the scores are a little bit tougher today.

WOODY AUSTIN: Sure. Well, yesterday was an easy day, not nearly the wind, obviously still lift, clean and place like today, but the greens weren't -- they couldn't mow them, so the greens were a lot slower. The defense of this golf course is the greens. The golf course is not, you know, from tee to green, extremely long or anything like that. You get the ball in the wrong spots, you get some really tough, fast putts. Well, yesterday they weren't tough, fast putts because the greens weren't fast. Then you throw in the wind today, plus they picked the greens speeds back up, so now it's harder to get to those spots because of the wind, and even when you do hit a good shot, there's a lot of defensive putts.

Q. As far as tomorrow is concerned, definitely you're on your way up here, you're trending upward right now. How do you make sure that you take advantage of that momentum?

WOODY AUSTIN: You know, every day's different, but for me, I just hope it blows just as hard if not harder. The harder the better. I've always said my whole career I like it tough, I don't like putting contests. So give me a chance where ball-striking has a chance to do something and not putting and I'll be happy. Whether I play good or not, I would rather it be the same, I would rather it be hard.