

WOODY AUSTIN (-7)

Q. You started with a birdie and then went through and kind of like pedalled down on kind of like the back half?

WOODY AUSTIN: Yeah, I didn't play all that spectacular there for a stretch and I just took advantage of 18 and 1 being short par 5s and got them both up and down. Then I finally hit a couple good shots. I knocked it to stone cold on 2 and then again was pretty solid. Then 6, 7 were two real nice putts. Then 8 was probably a good 25-footer, which I'm not used to making, so that's always nice.

Q. Was that your favorite play of the day?

WOODY AUSTIN: Probably, because anytime I can see a long putt go in, it's nice. I'm not used to seeing the long ones go in. I was happy enough the day was going that I was making 10-, 12-footers.

Q. Are you surprised you're T-2 right now?

WOODY AUSTIN: For me. You know, my game's never really that good this early in the year. I've never played good here, so it's a definite surprise from that standpoint.

But as far as the score, no. The golf course is perfect, the greens are perfect, and we didn't have that much wind, so you should be able to -- if you're playing good, you should be able to give yourself a lot of chances, which is what I did. I actually putted good. I've always said if I putt good, I'll play just as good as anybody if I putt good.

Q. How many wins have you had on this tour?

WOODY AUSTIN: Four.

Q. What's your best finish here, do you remember?

WOODY AUSTIN: Probably last year, which was like 29th or 30th. No, no, like I said, it's really cold at home and you don't really get in the practice and preparation you need. Even though I come down a couple days early, like I stop where I was born and raised in Tampa, so I've been in Tampa since Thursday. But you can't get the rust off that fast. You just basically can get it to where you can hit it and find it, but are you really sharp. Usually I'm not very sharp this early in the year, but today I kept the ball in front of me. I only hit a couple really bad shots, two impressive up-and-downs on the two greens I -- I only missed two greens and one of them was an impressive up-and-down for me, so that kept me

positive and going. Then I finally started to hit it good.

Q. Looking forward to the rest of the weekend, what do you have to do?

WOODY AUSTIN: Well, if you have this weather, if it stays like this, like I said, the golf course is perfect, the greens are pure, they're soft. I'm shocked how the ball's not even bouncing and going forward. Even when you're hitting the ball out of the rough, the ball's not even bouncing forward. Got to go low. Unless there gets some wind to give it a little bit of difficulty, you'd better go low.

Q. Does a 9 surprise you?

WOODY AUSTIN: No.

Q. Jesper behind you is at 9.

WOODY AUSTIN: No, not really.

Q. That's pretty good for this tournament.

WOODY AUSTIN: You've got three really easy par 5s. No. 6 is a good par 5 so you throw that one out, but you've got three really easy par 5s. You've got a lot of wedges.

You've got some good holes, don't get me wrong, but you have enough holes that if you're playing well, you're going to go low. So I'm just saying somebody's going to go low. I'm not saying, oh, my God, you know. But there's also four or five at 7, so it tells you that the golf course is out there, he just did a little bit more. You do have some good players that still play this game at our age. You know, Bernhard might still shoot 8 or 9 when he's done and he's a machine.