

Q. Is that your son on the bag?

DUDLEY HART: Yeah, yeah.

Q. How often does he caddie for you?

DUDLEY HART: This is, I think, the third time, third time. He caddied a couple regular Tour events a couple years ago and this is the first time on the Champions Tour.

Q. How did he do?

DUDLEY HART: He did good. He's a golfer, so he pretty much knows what he's doing. He's a little nervous reading putts and stuff like that. We try to get him involved because I want him to learn and have some fun, too. He doesn't want to mess me up, so I think he's afraid to say something if it's different from what I think. He was wrong a couple times, but I was wrong a couple times, too. That's what I told him. I said very rarely you're right on every read throughout the course of a round, and you've just got to say what you think. If I don't agree with it, I won't use it, that's fine. So we had a good time.

Q. What's his name?

DUDLEY HART: Ryan.

Q. How old is he?

DUDLEY HART: Just turned 17.

Q. Is he looking to play golf?

DUDLEY HART: Yeah, he wants to play in college, so he's hoping to play.

Q. So great start for you this week.

DUDLEY HART: Thank you, thanks.

Q. What propelled you to that 65?

DUDLEY HART: You know, I just had a really good solid ball-striking round. It wasn't necessarily perfect, but I didn't really miss a ball really in the wrong spot around the greens,

which is kind of the main thing here. The greens aren't real severe, but they're kind of small. Hit a lot of good solid iron shots. It was one of those you can always say if I woulda, coulda, shoulda make a few more putts, could have been a little better. But I like the way my ball-striking's working and if we can get rolling it. Made a couple crappy putts and then made a few, so it wasn't all bad obviously. When you have these ball-striking days when you have a lot of chances, you want to be a little greedy and get a few more.

Q. You played seven times last year, this is your first start this year. What did you learn from those seven starts that you started this season thinking about?

DUDLEY HART: Well, learned that it's only three days so you've got to try to get out of the gate the best you can pretty quick. That kind of mediocre round out here with only three days kind of hurts you. A mediocre day, you only have two more days. On the regular Tour you've got two more days to have a hot round and kind of get you back in contention. So you've got to kind of get out here and be pretty aggressive and get after it for three days.

Q. And so now you're in a position that you want to be in?

DUDLEY HART: Sure.

Q. You got off to a hot start. What do you have to do these next two days now that you put yourself in position?

DUDLEY HART: I was proud of myself today and that's all I wanted to do, and I didn't do as consistently well in the fall, part of I think just not playing as much. I hadn't played much in the last few years. Just committing to targets. That's all I think you can really, as a golfer at any level, is stand over the ball committed to a target and make a confident swing. If you hit a bad shot, you're a human being, you're going to hit bad shots. Last year I wasn't always good with that. I was hit or miss. I wasn't bad all the time. You know, you make three or four bad decisions or you're not committed over shots and they could end up costing you. It's a fine line sometimes obviously between playing well and not playing well. It's kind of all I wanted to do today is just pick targets and swing aggressively and trust it. If it's good, it's good. If it's not, it's not.

Q. Did you have a few extra fans, family members out here?

DUDLEY HART: Yeah, I had some family out and some friends, which is fun. Good to see them out.

Q. Good way to start the year off.

DUDLEY HART: Absolutely.