ROUND 3 INTERVIEW March 1, 2020



WOODY AUSTIN (-16)

Q. Seven-under 66, you were chasing all day. Take us through the round a little bit.

WOODY AUSTIN: Well, that's just it, I was chasing all day. You start five back, that's a lot on this tour. There's a lot of guys, obviously Bernhard's nine, so you start from behind him, you shoot real low and he still beats you even in a day. That's all you can do. I gave myself a lot of chances. I'd like to think that if I could putt like I did today for the rest of the year, it's going to be a great year. It's only one week, but boy, it sure would be nice to putt this way more often.

Q. Well, started with a birdie on two and an ace on four?

WOODY AUSTIN: Yeah, I really hit a lot of close shots this week. I almost holed it twice the first round. I hit it an inch on 18 the first round and then hit a 3-iron to a foot for eagle on two, so I hit a lot of close shots. I had a couple look they were going to go in, and today the one went in on number four, which is really good because that's a pin you usually don't go at. But again, I was in that attack mode where I knew I had to go as low as I could. I think it was almost a mini positive that I missed a little four-footer on the hole before, so kind of was a little angry there and said, screw it, just go at it, and it never left the flag. It was right dead in the middle, so it was pretty cool.

Q. What's it about this golf course? Obviously you won here before and have good positive vibes?

WOODY AUSTIN: It's hard to say because, I mean, it's not -- it's not a real hard golf course obviously. But I think the thing that I like is that the greens are usually firm, which they are, so you really actually have to hit quality shots to certain pin placements to get them close because that first big bounce, and we play a lot of courses that might be, let's say, from tee to green this easy and the greens are so soft that you've got to, you know. So I think the fact that these greens are always firm every year so you've got to play a bounce, you've got to actually hit a shot and think it through I think helps me because that's the way I play. I like to maneuver the ball around.