ROUND 1 INTERVIEW September 18, 2019





Q. Stephen, great round, clean card and you're in at 65 here after your first round at the PURE Insurance Championship. Just your thoughts on the day?

STEPHEN LEANEY: Yeah, it was a strange day. When I finished, I actually thought I'd shot 66. I had to look at the scorecard five times to convince myself that I actually shot 7 under, so it was a bit of a weird day. I didn't drive it particularly well, but I missed it in spots that you need to miss it on and I birdied the holes I felt like I had to.

Q. You had a lot of birdies out there obviously today. Does any one stand out to you?

STEPHEN LEANEY: Actually, the first hole of the day. We started on 10 about quarter after 8:00 and it was a fairly early get-up this morning. I hit it out of the fairway bunker to about 20 feet and made that putt and that kind of set the tone for the day. I made a couple other nice ones, but the other birdies were all pretty close. I two-putted the 6th, I hit it to about a foot and a half on 7 and No. 2 was only a four-footer, 16 was about a three-footer and I think 17 was maybe 18 feet. So I didn't really make a huge amount of putts, I just took advantage of the holes that you need to out here.

Q. What's your strategy going into tomorrow, just more of the same?

STEPHEN LEANEY: Yeah, you just have to pick your spots around this course. There's enough birdie opportunities, but there's also -- there's three or four holes that you've just got to try to make par and get through them and that's really the key to this golf course.