POST-ROUND INTERVIEW March 19, 2022

PETER UIHLEIN (-13)



Q. Was today a lot like the first two days for you?

PETER UIHLEIN: It's the third day in a row we have a different wind, so you feel like you're playing a different golf course for three straight days. Each day has felt different. Felt like I did some good stuff today, but didn't feel like I played the par 5s well enough and had a bad three-putt. Other than that, it felt pretty solid, pretty efficient.

Q. Nos. 12, 13, 15, good streak for you?

PETER UIHLEIN: Yeah, it was nice to see the birdie on the par 5. Good bunker shot. No. 13, yeah, made a nice putt. No. 15, I made a nice putt there. I gave myself a lot of chances. I think I only missed two greens, so I gave myself a lot of chances today. I just made some and missed a few, but it was solid. It was fun.

Q. Any putts roll in for you long-wise?

PETER UIHLEIN: No, no. I think that one on No. 13 was probably the longest, so that was probably about 18 feet or so.

Q. You have your PGA TOUR card and couldn't get the start (at Valspar), but once you tee it up Thursday, I mean... it's just a golf tournament you're here to win, right?

PETER UIHLEIN: Yeah, here to win, yeah. That's what Zach and I... our mindset's we're here to win because ultimately, as weird as this sounds, next week in the Dominican and San Antonio, those are, quote unquote, more important for me. But at the end of the day, it's a golf tournament and I'm here to win. Like I said earlier in the week, I feel like I've been playing good, I just haven't had the results to show it, or the scores. So this is how I feel like I've been playing lately and it's nice to kind of see it pay off a little bit.

Q. What is it about this course? I mean, last year's finish, in first right now.

PETER UIHLEIN: I like it. It's not a golf course you're going to go shoot 8-under, 9-under. It's not target golf. You've got to be creative. When the wind blows and it's bouncy, it's tricky. There's some holes that we don't even really try to hit the fairway on, we're just trying to blast it to a section and give ourselves better angles. It's just a fun golf course. I like it.

Q. Is there something to be said, the fact that Werbylo, most of the guys behind you except for Hubbard, they're playing to get where you are? I mean, the fact that I wouldn't say you have free money, but it is a different, the fact that you already have

what they want?

PETER UIHLEIN: Yeah, but at the same time, I don't want to say it's frustrating because I would like to do it at the big show. I haven't been able to kind of put it together on the PGA TOUR. I'd love to be playing Tampa. At the end of the day, I'd like to be playing well in Tampa. I like coming here, I like the golf course. I feel good, I feel like I've got some momentum. At the end of the day, yeah, I'm here to win and that's just how it is.

Q. Do you feel the mindset of when you were in Vegas a couple years ago, is that the mindset that you'll have tonight going into tomorrow?

PETER UIHLEIN: Yeah, I'm going to go and try to shoot the low round of the day tomorrow. I think that's kind of the mentality you've got to have. I don't know what that's going to be, but I'll be able to see in the morning when I wake up. I'll see some scores and be able to figure it out, but my mindset's to try and shoot the low round of the day tomorrow.

Q. You talked about the par 5s, how key they are here. I know you said you didn't particularly play them very well, No. 1, No. 7 and so forth. Do you feel like you're kind of fighting uphill after you go through that stretch?

PETER UIHLEIN: You'd like to play them all under par. You'd like to start off with a birdie. I didn't birdie No. 1 with an 8-iron in my hand, so that was a little frustrating. Hit a good drive on No. 2, basically drove the green, casual two-putt for birdie, so that kind of offset it a little bit, made it a little bit less frustrating.

If you play the par 5s well, it really takes a lot of pressure off everything else really. Like I said earlier in the week, that's been my goal is to play the par 5s a little bit better. First day kind of helped a little bit, but I don't feel like my rounds have been as good as I could be. Hopefully, be better tomorrow.

Q. What was different about the wind today?

PETER UIHLEIN: We had it out of the north. The first round was like southeast, second round was straight west, and then today was north. Just plays totally different. We were trying to drive No. 17 yesterday and today driving it like 80 yards, so it's just different.

Q. What are you most looking forward to tomorrow?

PETER UIHLEIN: I think the wind will be a southeast wind, so that will be kind of fun. It will be more like the wind on the first round. Just looking forward to see how I do in contention. It's been probably since Utah over the summer, and I feel like I did some stuff with my driver, hitting different kind of shots with it, so that will be nice to see how it works under the gun. Just kind of try and keep building momentum for the next couple weeks.