
Q. Talk about, first of all, the delay. How did that affect you and all that stuff?

BUD CAULEY: Yeah, I got here about 5:30 this morning and then started eating breakfast, and then about 20 minutes later they got the text it was an hour, then eventually ended up being two. So I wish next time they'll do it when I'm still in my room so I can go back to sleep.

Q. Didn't seem to bother you too much, though?

BUD CAULEY: No, it was fine. Actually laid down in the locker room for a little while and then got a little workout in, just kind of hung out with the guys. Then got off to a pretty good start, that was nice.

Q. How different is this course playing when it's so wet as it was this morning when you guys got out here for the first time?

BUD CAULEY: Yeah, it makes it quite a bit easier. Get it in the fairway, get your hands on the ball. And then kind of the way the wind was today, even some of the longer holes played shorter. They had some of the tees up, so you kind of had short irons in all day, so if you drive the ball well, you get the iron shots in there close and give yourself some good looks.

Q. Several top-25 finishes so far this season. What part of your game is giving you the most confidence?

BUD CAULEY: Really my short game's kind of been keeping me in there. I haven't hit the ball quite as well as I've wanted to the last month or so, but even like last week at Bay Hill my short game kind of kept me in there. Last week I worked quite a bit at home with my coach, Matt Killen, on kind of irons and driving. I hit my irons great today. The driver was still a little suspect, but I'll work on that this afternoon and hopefully get that straightened out for tomorrow.

Q. You mentioned hitting your irons pretty well. Did you have pretty much mid-range short putts that you made for birdie, anything long?

BUD CAULEY: No, not really. I kind of was able to hit it in there close all day. I made about a 15-footer on 1 and then about a 15-footer or so on the last, so I think those were my two longest putts. Almost made a long one on 17, but it just caught the lip.

Q. A birdie there on 18, I thought it was going to lip out on you.

BUD CAULEY: Yeah, it caught a lot of hole. It looked good for a long time and it was kind of breaking right and the wind was kind of going that way. It tried to sneak away that last foot, but it caught some hole. Good catch by the hole.

Q. Looked like the golf course is receptive?

BUD CAULEY: Yeah, we got a ton of rain yesterday and even into this morning, so it was playing soft. You get the ball in the fairway and get your hands on it playing the ball up, give yourself some looks.

Q. Found something a couple weeks ago at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard, I think T-14 there, some practice during the off week as well?

BUD CAULEY: Yeah, yeah. Actually, my coach, Matt Killen, came down on Monday, the day after Bay Hill, we got some good work in. I was able to practice all week, kind of work on some of the things he told me. Yeah, my ball striking, kind of got it straightened out a little bit. Still need some work on the driver so I'll work on that this afternoon. But I hit my irons really nicely today.