



MATTHEW WOLFF (-15)

Q. What a fun day of golf. Take me through your birdie binge when you were piling all those birdies and shooting 29 on your outward nine.

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, it was a lot of fun. The last couple tournaments I played I didn't really get anything going to make a birdie and kind of level out and stuff, so to string some together was really awesome. It was a combination of hitting my wedges a lot better and rolling in some putts. But I think the biggest thing is I think my driver this week, I've been getting it in play and setting myself up really nicely, so that helps a lot.

Q. I was impressed when you missed the fairways, say at nine and at 10, you would miss the fairway and yet you had enough control over the golf ball to still put it close enough and birdie those two holes.

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, the soft conditions obviously help with that, you know, being out of the rough, decreasing the spin and stuff, being able to stop it by the hole helps a lot. But it's something that I've been working on a lot, judging shots out of the rough. I just think the biggest thing is give myself opportunities and not trying to get too cute to some of these pins, because they're tough and they're right on the edge. So if you take good lines with aggressive swings, it usually works out pretty well.

Q. How was your focus out there? Were you able to take it hole by hole, shot by shot, or did your mind ever start racing at any juncture?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I would say when I birdied 10 to get to 7 under, I was kind of thinking 59, but I kind of knew I had to stay in the moment. And my caddie, Steve Lohmeyer, he's been really good about that. We talk about, you know, free agency and pretty much anything in between shots to kind of take my mind off of it, which really helped.

Q. Did you have any carryover after missing the four-footer at the 16th hole? You missed the green at 17, wayward drive at 18, you were still able to regain focus. Are we thinking too much into that?

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, I think so. I just pulled the four-footer a little bit. I thought it was going to break a little right. One of those putts where it was kind of on the spine. Didn't want to leave it low right and stuff. Obviously not my best stroke, but it happens. You're never going to make 100 percent of your four-footers.

And then just misjudged the wind on 17, but stayed patient and, like I said, stayed present. Didn't hit the best drive on 18, but got it into position and made the putt to finish out the

round.

Q. What are your thoughts going into the final round? A lot out there for you in that final round.

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, the wind's going to be the same, so that will be helpful. I've seen the course for three days. Feel really good out here. Been hitting my driver a lot better, which is nice. Kind of just going to do the same thing.

The last couple weeks I think I've been a little too strategic. I got to this week with my team and I said, you know what, I'm just going to rip driver and just send it, and that's kind of what I've been doing and it's been working out.

Q. He's been a busy man since he signed his scorecard just a couple moments ago. Matt, you tore it up out there today. Obviously you saw this coming. We talked to you a couple weeks ago. This early in your professional career, did you see something out there in the low 60s starting out today?

MATTHEW WOLFF: This course is gettable, especially with the rain, it's been softer. I feel like it's a course that really suits me well, a lot of drivers. Hitting the fairway obviously sets you up in good position to hit a lot of wedges in there, and I think that's the biggest thing today is I was really dialed in with my wedges, got the distances really spot on.

So, you know, 62 obviously on a PGA TOUR course is a heck of a score no matter who shoots it, but I'm glad I got it going and hopefully it continues on tomorrow.

Q. You've got a hold of this moving day thing on the PGA TOUR pretty nicely. You talk about your wedges being dialed in. You had a wedge into 15, got to 9 under; you stiffed it at 16, you had a little tickler there, that one didn't drop; and then you come to 17, tough over the water. Were you in between clubs?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I was, I was in between a 7 and an 8. It was 188 and I thought the wind was quartering into us, so obviously you don't want to be in the water there. I thought if I started a 7-iron kind of into the wind that it would hold it up a little bit and the wind would draw it in there pretty perfectly. And just kind of flushed it, probably a little bit of adrenaline going, and missed on the wrong side but got it out there. Almost made the bomb for par, but getting out of there with a bogey isn't bad at all, especially the spot I was in, and I knew that I had a par 5 coming up, which I thankfully birdied.

Q. Absolutely you did, nice way to finish. What did you learn out there today?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I just learned that, you know, these guys are obviously really good like all the PGA TOUR commercials and stuff say, but at the end of the day I belong out here and I don't need to change anything in my game to play with the guys out here. I think that's what I struggled with the first couple weeks, I was always trying to look for that little extra

something and I feel like this week I've really just been myself and it's worked out.

Q. Well, I'm sure that was a lot of fun.

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, it was a good time. Shooting 62 anytime is special, especially one of your first events out here on the PGA TOUR. It was really good to come out firing quickly and hopefully some good mojo and momentum going into tomorrow.

Q. How was it playing with Tom Lehman?

MATTHEW WOLFF: It was an honor really. I've been watching him ever since I could walk really. To be able to play alongside with him, especially in pretty much his hometown or his home state was awesome. The crowds were unbelievable. They really cheered for him, but when I rolled in some putts they cheered for me as well, so it was awesome. I learned a lot from him about how he handles himself and his demeanor, and he's truly one of the legends in golf. To be able to play with him in one of my first events just meant a lot.

Q. Did he give you any advice or anything? Did you ask him anything today?

MATTHEW WOLFF: Today I was kind of rolling, I didn't feel like I needed to ask him for much. We just talked about some of the stories that he had over the years and everything that he's done. It was really, you know, a round that I'm going to remember for the rest of my life.

Q. Was it the iron play basically?

MATTHEW WOLFF: The iron play was definitely a lot stronger today. I put myself in really good spots and I think that was a big thing.

But I think the biggest thing for me was I got the ball in play off the tee, I hit more fairways, and even when I wasn't in the fairway, it was just off the fairway. Luckily got some good lies and I think that's the biggest thing over the last couple weeks for me. I haven't been really hitting the fairways, setting myself up very well and today I did it, and luckily my distance control was dialed in.

Q. Did you sense where you were on the leaderboard?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I kind of look at the leaderboard, I kind of like knowing where I'm at, but it's obviously just Saturday. There's one more day left. Put myself in a good spot and that's all you can ask for really.

Q. Have you ever played with somebody with such a different swing, because Tom's is just so short and smooth?

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, I mean, obviously every time I play with somebody it's a

different swing than mine. But no, it's awesome to see. Like I said, it was just an honor playing with him. I didn't even really think much of swings or anything. The way he manages a golf course and how he plays is pretty exceptional for the age he is. Like I said, it was just an honor.

Q. How many times have you gone that low before?

MATTHEW WOLFF: My lowest round ever is a 61, I shot it twice. But 62 in a tournament is my lowest, in a tournament is my lowest round. To have it be at a PGA TOUR event is pretty nice. It's par 71 so I guess that helps a little bit, too. Like I said, got it rolling today and never looked back.

Q. You're one of the four college stars who are here who turned pro. Obviously Viktor, too. How well do you guys know each other and sort of collectively as a group?

MATTHEW WOLFF: Yeah, I'm the youngest one, so I was only a sophomore when I left, and Viktor was a junior and Colin and Justin both graduated. So really, shout out to them for graduating, that's awesome. Yeah, I mean, really, it's incredible, especially the schools that they went to, Cal and USC. It was really cool for them to do that and accomplish what they've done in the golf world.

But we've known each other for such a long time. I played high school golf against Colin. Viktor, I've known him for a long time. I played a little bit of junior golf against him and then in college we played almost every day. So it's really cool to see their success as well and I think that kind of fired me up to be able to go out and try to catch them.

Q. 59 was still in play, you missed a short putt on 16, I think, and then made your only bogey on 17. The missed putt on 16 kind of --

MATTHEW WOLFF: No, I think -- I thought it was going to break right, really didn't. I tugged it a touch, but you're never going to make 100 percent of your four-footers. Unfortunately, that was a time that I probably would have liked to make it to go even lower, but you can't do anything about it. I've got all the confidence in the world going into tomorrow, so one bogey or one missed putt isn't going to change that.

Q. Have you been in touch with anybody back home that got shook last night?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I have not, actually. I know some people texted me about it. Thankfully, everyone in my family and my friends are all safe and I hope that, you know, no one else got hurt. I'm praying for anyone who did.

Q. Matthew, where do you think the power in your swing comes from?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I think I take it -- I lift my foot, which helps a lot, it makes me rotate

back more. Coming through the ball, I kind of just fire really quickly and I use the ground so well. That's what my coach, George Gankas, always told me. Just the way I use the ground and push off of it is something that allows me to hit it as far as I do.

Q. Three consecutive 62s out here. What do you think you've got to do tomorrow?

MATTHEW WOLFF: I'm not sure. I'm just going to stick to my game plan. I don't really want to put a number. That's not what I did today. I didn't go out saying I want to shoot as low as possible or I want to shoot a 64. I just went out there and did what I know how to do and that's just hit drivers and golf.

So that's kind of what I'm going to do tomorrow, not look at it any differently because it's a dream come true coming out here. But these guys are really good and I know I'm really good, so it's going to be fun.