

PAUL CASEY (-10)

Q. Paul, let's start with the old-school pitch-and-run shot on 18 that you never see on the PGA TOUR anymore. No. 9, obviously.

PAUL CASEY: It did work. Johnny was, how do I put this, praising himself for giving me a club that would miss it in the right spot. I was sort of deep down slightly cursing him I wasn't pin high with a short birdie putt. "It was a nice spot, you're going to make birdie," and he was right, I did. And this golf course is all about that. If you're going to miss, there's some small targets out there, you just have to miss in the right spots and that's what I've done the last two days.

Q. You hit it in the right spots quite a bit and it looked like (inaudible). Can you talk about the pace of the greens?

PAUL CASEY: I tried to adjust. I'm not sure I got it right. Even coming down the last few, I missed a couple, got the speed wrong. I feel like that's the reason for missing putts the last two days and yet I putted with the guy who has got maybe the best speed control in the world, Mr. Jordan Spieth. An amazing putter. I said yesterday, if he had my ball-striking, I think he may have shot like 56 or 57 or something. And hats off to him, that's just a total compliment because I'm impressed, as impressed as everybody else is.

Q. I'm pretty sure Charles Howell III had about 140 feet of made putts today, too.

PAUL CASEY: Yeah, the three in our group, we weren't doing too badly. Luckily, I just snuck ahead of both of them at the end. But I'm going to have to continue to play that good golf if I want to beat guys like Jordan and Chuckie and the other great players who are creeping up that leaderboard.

Hats off certainly to the grounds crew as well because we've had probably, what, nine inches much rain the last two days. Bridges were washed out around the golf course, we're tip-toeing around, yet the greens are in perfect shape. It's allowed us to continue to shoot low numbers. And it looks like the crowd isn't covered in too much mud, either, so everybody's done really well.

Q. (Question about Wyndham Rewards Top-10.)

PAUL CASEY: Yeah, somebody told me fourth, I think. I'm not sure if that's right. I would love that, that would be good. Wyndham Rewards would be amazing, and then a bunch of FedExCup points as well. Still a long way behind Brooks, but it would move me up a little bit, which is nice.

Yeah, can I just say before, not well known on this side of the Atlantic, but Jordan Brand Jr passed away about 24 hours ago. (Inaudible).

Q. Sorry for your loss.

PAUL CASEY: He was a good guy.

Q. (No microphone.)

PAUL CASEY: With how much rain we had last night, I was thoroughly impressed. The greens are in perfect shape as Jordan displayed once again today. He was rolling in all the putts. I played really well, I gave myself an awful lot of chances. I struggled a little bit with the speed on the greens, but two 65s put me in a really good spot. I know guys are going to continue to go out there and tear it up and go low, so I probably need a couple more of those over the weekend to stay in touch.

Q. Your entire group played well today. Can you just kind of talk about the vibe out there?

PAUL CASEY: It's nice when you've got a group of guys who are feeding off each other and great energy. We had a great crowd walking around as well. You know, you don't want to be in those flat groups and ours certainly wasn't one of those, it was an exciting group to be in. Happy I snuck ahead of the guys on the last with the chip-in, but as I said, the two guys I played with are two kind of the strong guys to look at this weekend, probably going to be two of the favorites as we move ahead.

Q. Paul, walk us through the chip-in.

PAUL CASEY: Chip-in on nine? Well, my caddie was taking credit for the fact that he left me short of the pin and I was kind of like questioning him. You know, hey, I'd rather have a putt for birdie where those other two guys are. He was right. This golf course is all about missing it in the right spot and we did just that on nine. To be honest, it was a pretty simple chip. Lucky it went in, but that's definitely the key, keep it in the right spots.

Q. How do you use that to carry over into tomorrow?

PAUL CASEY: You know, I'm just going to do more of the same. I've got a really good plan for this golf course, a really good strategy, and barring, touch wood, as long as we don't get too much crazy weather coming in, going to try to execute that plan as I did the last two days. Hopefully, get the speed of the putts a little bit better and make a few more birdies, and then try and figure out what everybody else is doing and attack on the last nine if I need to and try and win this thing.

Q. You talked about playing with Spieth and Howell. What does that do for you

competitively?

PAUL CASEY: Well, it's always a joy playing with him. I'm loving the fact he's playing good golf again. He's got a smile on his face, his ball-striking and his putting are back to what we've seen from Jordan through the years. You know, maybe a bit late for him to make a charge at like Wyndham Rewards, but he can be a force in the FedExCup as well if he gets it going. Yeah, he's showing glimpses of the brilliance that he is.