

PAUL CASEY (-14)

Q. Pretty consistent for you and trending in the right direction going into tomorrow.

PAUL CASEY: Yeah, it was good. Ball-striking's been really, really nice, five birdies every day. Today was just a small blemish on the second hole. Yeah, if I can get that ball-striking exactly the way it has been the last three days, it would put me in a really good position. Make a couple more putts. I had two three-putts today, eliminate those.

You know, I fancy my chances, but there's a lot of great players near the top of that leaderboard and scoring is so good around this great golf course because the greens are so perfect. It's certainly going to be a fun Sunday, it's going to be a bit of a shootout.

Q. Any adapting today? We haven't had rain, heaven forbid, for the last 24 hours. Anything you've adapted to as this golf course starts to move a little bit into tomorrow?

PAUL CASEY: We were trying to figure out the firmness of the greens as the day went on. The first was extremely fast and firm and then the second was like a pudding. The golf course is in impeccable shape, but it's amazing how the lower areas with the amounts of water you've had is still staying relatively soft and then some of the elevated greens are drying out much, much quicker. So trying to judge that has been tricky and I think we've done a really good job.

And there's a few areas on the golf course actually get a little beaten up because of the way the ball funnels around here, so in a weird way trying to avoid those areas, trying to avoid divots if you can. And if you do get a bad lie, have a good attitude because it's the same for everybody.

Q. Much made about the grind of the schedule right now. With your position in the FedExCup standings, you're going to take next week off. How much does that help going into tomorrow knowing that you've got a little rest coming and you can really lay it all out there tomorrow?

PAUL CASEY: Yeah, I'm actually really excited, I haven't seen my family in four weeks. You know, after leaving early for The Open Championship to go do a recce at Royal Portrush, which I never played before, it's been too long since seeing my kids. So I'm excited to play tomorrow and I'm excited to get out of here. It might not happen until Monday, it's difficult getting out of here to Phoenix.

But yeah, I'm going to -- it's great because I can then give everything tomorrow, leave it all

out on the golf course tomorrow. I felt like I've done a really good job, had a really good stint on the road, and then, as you said, save the energy for TOUR Championship, the BMW and then TOUR Championship. Because with our system, I think there's more volatility this year. I know the mathematicians say that's not the case, but I think they have no idea about what's going to happen at East Lake. So it's exciting stuff. So I was willing to sacrifice maybe a position or two because I really feel I need as much energy going into that TOUR Championship, and I'm 42, I can't play six in a row anymore.

Q. What are your thoughts going into tomorrow?

PAUL CASEY: Yeah, I thought originally at the start of the week I thought I had 20 in my mind for me, so my goal was five a day. So I've slipped behind that schedule, but I don't think it's going to be low enough. Scoring is so good, the leaderboard is stacked with older guys like myself and younger guys, Viktor's up there I see. I actually haven't studied the leaderboard thoroughly, but it's going to be good. Looking forward to it.

I've been on the road a long time, so I'm going to go out there tomorrow. Looking forward to going home, but just leave it all out on the golf course and try to shoot a low round. I probably need 6 or 7 under minimum.

Q. Can you elaborate on the decision to play this week and not play next week?

PAUL CASEY: Yeah. I thought the Wyndham Rewards was a great initiative to reward guys for their regular season play. Only seems right. You know, I would have -- like everything starts a little slow, the fact I'm the only guy here out of the top-10, you know, is one thing, but it's certainly got guys' attention.

For me skipping next week, I really feel I need the energy going into TOUR Championship because I think TOUR Championship's going to be incredibly volatile with the new system they've got, kind of like a handicapping system. So I was willing to sacrifice one and save the energy for the BMW and then the TOUR Championship and take my chances that way. I just felt that there was no way I could really compete if that was going to be my sixth in a row. And Wyndham is important to me. They've been great, so good to me through the years, I really wanted to come here and support this event.

Q. Is there any number crunching in terms of potential bonus gained this week compared to East Lake?

PAUL CASEY: No. I mean, look, the only -- I was looking at where I could advance to this week with a win in the Wyndham Rewards and actually wanted to protect that the last few weeks leading up to that, I didn't want to drop out of the top-10. So we made a conscious decision I think after The Open Championship that we were going to be here. Maybe before The Open Championship that we were going to be here.

The upside at the TOUR Championship is way more attractive than anything you're probably

losing if you play poorly. So I'm focusing on the upside because the numbers this year are truly staggering. Like I said, if I miss out a place or two or cost myself a shot or two in terms of starting position, I'm not worried. I play East Lake very, very well. Yeah, this system's going to be very different from the point structure we've had in the past.