



RUSSELL HENLEY (-4)

Q. Russell, you kind of made all your hay around the turn there. What was kind of that stretch there of 1, 2, 3? You kind of found a little something there?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I was hitting it okay, I was hitting plenty of greens leading up to that, just error on the fat side of the hole. I had a birdie putt on 18 hanging over the lip and thought I hit a better wedge shot on 17. Just had a chip in and a medium length putt and a good wedge shot. Nothing crazy, but I felt like I hit it in the right spots today and left myself on the green more than I put myself short-side.

Q. Results coming into this haven't been great. What did you kind of maybe find today that you haven't had in the last few weeks?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I've just been working hard on my game and just trying to keep believing. It's hard, everybody's really great at golf out here and I just tried to keep my head down and just keep working hard on my game every day, trying to put in the hours on the things I need to work on, spend time in the gym, try to manage to where I have enough time for my family as well. It's just a balancing act; I've been trying to do the best I can with it.

Q. Do you kind of go back to some of your wins, maybe remember, hey, you've won out here plenty of times and that you're maybe one of those -- talk yourself into saying I'm one of those good players still out here?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Yeah, I think I can definitely play. I think it's been a weird couple years for me, unlike my first five on Tour, but I think there's a lot of good golf for me left. I feel really good, I feel strong and I'm excited to play. I've been putting the practice in, so I'm just trying to focus on my game. You're right, there is a lot of talent out here, but that's all I can really do.

Q. Recuring conversation out here about length and doing something about the ball.

RUSSELL HENLEY: Man, I love where I am with my equipment. I love where I am with my ball, my Titleist ball, it's so good. It's made me such a better wedge player, it's made me super consistent with my irons. I'm just a big fan of what I have going on right now.

Q. What's the most -- I know everybody talks about 10 here, but what are some of the others that may not get as much conversation you find to be --

RUSSELL HENLEY: I think they all have their quirks, I think that's what makes it a good course, all the little run-offs. It's a lot like Augusta in a way to where you have to put yourself

on the right side of the hole, on the correct side of the hole. I've gotten to know it better and better. My first couple years playing here I was pretty lost and I feel like it's pretty simple once you kind of figure it out, but I would say figuring out the greens, around the greens, where to miss it, how fast the putts are because they can get quick. It's a long answer.

Another hole I would say would be 18, ball below your feet with trees on the right even if you're in the fairway. Just how they don't -- there's no bunker on that hole, but it's tricky. I think that's the beauty of a great course architect, you know, design is you don't have to have these big huge greens, you can make small greens and it takes care of a lot of the course --

Q. How forbidding is the look on 16 looking at that pin with all the traps?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I like 16, I like the look of it for me. I feel like it's a little bowl I'm hitting into. It's very penal, but, you know, I've always thought it's a really cool hole with all those trees around it. I enjoy playing it. Yeah.