



**RICHY WERENSKI ( -8)**

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**Q. I got to follow you from about 7 on. It was really, really impressive, solid playing today, really aggressive with some lines today, irons were outstanding.**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Yeah, irons were really good. I definitely could have hit it better off the tee I found some fairways, but wasn't really solid with the driver. But the irons were really good, so I sort of made up for it and putted pretty darn well.

**Q. What was the club off the tee on 16? I was kind of surprised as well I thought you were driving it. Did you lay up there?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Yeah, yeah, that was a 3-wood. It was weird because the wind should have been off the left and a little bit of in, but when we were on the tee, it felt like it was down off the right and just kind of -- didn't make a super aggressive swing, kind of heeled it, but it was all right.

**Q. Well, the key really to the round was the putter because you gave yourself some looks and you made them and I think that's really the key. You take on some flagsticks and you hit it in that 12- to 15-foot range, you've got to make them?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Yeah, exactly. To play a round like I did today, you've got to make the putts. But I've been hitting like the last few events, I feel like my irons have really been coming along and I've been hitting it right in that range and I just kind of haven't been making a ton of them. Today I made a bunch and hopefully we'll keep it going.

**Q. Well, the big thing, played a good round in the afternoon to get a quick turnaround and play again in the morning, that's got to be exciting. I already see the smile on your face asking you the question.**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Yeah, no, it's awesome. It's something we all like out here, I feel like. You just kind of keep that momentum going and I'm excited.

**Q. 144 feet of putts made on this day for you, Richy. How was this one able to come together for you?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** You know, I hit it -- I just played solid golf. The tee ball wasn't as good as I wanted it to be, but found some fairways and took advantage with my irons. My irons were really good. Hit it just -- the pins I wasn't comfortable, I hit it (inaudible) and I ended up making some of those and it turned into a good round.

**Q. What's been the biggest adjustment for you coming off the hiatus and getting back into the shortened season?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Just getting back into competition mode again. Like my golf courses were closed down for a whole like most other people, so it wasn't so much the technical side of it, but it was the mental, just kind of getting back into the competitive mode. Now that I played a few events, I feel like I'm getting back into that pretty good.

**Q. A year ago you were 126th in the FedExCup points, missing out by less than two points. How much does that motivate you to ensure you get to the Playoffs here in a little over a month?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Yeah, it definitely motivates me. I don't really want to ever feel like that again, like I felt after Wyndham last year. That was not good. So I had a good -- went to the Web Finals and got my card that way, so I improved my status a little bit for this year. Just been kind of a funky year. I broke my wrist in the fall so I had a few months off from that, and the whole Corona thing for a few more months, but the game feels really good.

**Q. Just how hot was the putter and how confident were you on the greens today?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Pretty hot. I was just seeing the lines. I was just kind of on the putting green this morning just getting a nice little feel, a little thought, nothing crazy, but just kept kind of stroking it really confidently. Wasn't trying to -- I wasn't trying to just like die them in, I was just kind of expecting them to go in. It kept me free, that's what helped.

**Q. We've heard a lot of comments so far about how good the greens are here. What would you say about that?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Yeah, they're awesome. They're running a good speed. They're a little soft today, but they're going to get -- I have a good feeling they'll get nice and firm as the week goes on. But you start it online, it will stay there. They're really good.

**Q. What strengths in your game are brought out on this course?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Definitely obviously you've got to always putt it well, but I feel like it's a pretty good second-shot golf course. There's some good holes out here. Especially today, it was a little breezy. A couple holes, like No. 9 was playing really tough. I hit a 3-iron into No. 9 to that back right pin, which is tough. It's not easy to hit a 3-iron to that much rather like a 7, but I hit the ball really well on the approach shots and that helped a lot.

**Q. How much confidence does it give you coming out and shooting an 8-under round in the afternoon and you have the morning and those probably calm conditions and probably soft conditions, looking forward to tomorrow?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** Yeah, I'm looking forward to tomorrow. Obviously got some

momentum and hope to keep that going tomorrow morning. It has been sort of windy in the mornings, but there's also a chance it could not be blowing at all, so that's what we hope for.

**Q. Your thoughts on just holding the lead after what's going to look like probably 18 holes?**

**RICHY WERENSKI:** It feels good. Just kind of last couple weeks I played well, I think I played well to pretty much like solidify being in the top-125 next year. The goal at the beginning of the year was getting in the top-70 and I think just a little bit more free than I kind of have been the beginning of the year. That makes a difference.