



RICHY WERENSKI (-12)

Q. Richy, off early on this Friday morning, in with 67. How would you describe your efforts out here early on a Friday in Minnesota?

RICHY WERENSKI: Yeah, I played solid today. Kind of a little better off the tee overall, but also hit some bad ones and, you know, got in some positions where I had to make a couple putts for par. I hit some really good shots to save par and that was kind of what kept the round going.

Didn't hit the irons as good as yesterday, but good enough and just kind of gave myself some opportunities and took advantage of it when I could.

Q. When we spoke yesterday after finishing late, you were excited about getting off early here on Friday. How difficult is it to try to continue that trend on a new day, but you literally went to bed, wake up and do it again?

RICHY WERENSKI: I don't know, I like it and I'm a morning person. I wake up early anyways, so I was up at that 4:00 a.m. wake-up call this morning and I like that. But you're also kind of -- are you expected to kind of keep it going because you got the good draw? I mean, you just kind of go out, and I just did a good job of staying within myself and just kind of letting things happen.

Q. How did you see this golf course if at all change throughout the afternoon and what you might expect to see on the weekend as well?

RICHY WERENSKI: Definitely windier today, but the fairways are firming up pretty good, the greens are getting quicker, they're not quite as firm as I think they will be on the weekend. It's in really good shape and I think it's just going to keep getting firmer and faster.

Q. This place, the wind usually blows out here. It didn't last year, it's starting to today. How much different is that going to make it over the weekend?

RICHY WERENSKI: Well, it should help dry it out, for sure, which will obviously make it a little tougher. Seems like there's a lot of crosswinds out here, so you've got to kind of really do a good job of picking the shot you want to hit and I've done a good job of that this week. A lot of trouble left with the wind off the right, you've got to decide if you're going to hit a draw or kind of hold it into the wind, so there's a lot of that going on.

Q. I know big names usually get the galleries, but how strange is it to be out there in the lead, battling for the lead with nobody out there other than your competitors and

the caddies?

RICHY WERENSKI: It's weird. Obviously I wish fans were able to come out here, but we're kind of -- I would say I'm almost kind of used to it now. It's been a few weeks of this with no fans, so I'm not out there saying, man, there's no fans, this is weird, but if you think about it, it is kind of strange.