

ADAM LONG (-17)

Q. I'm going to take you back to Friday afternoon. You bogey 6 and 7 to fall back to 1 under par, and then you birdie 8 and you have to make a five-footer on No. 9. You probably weren't thinking about shooting 15 under on the weekend and making all this happen, were you?

ADAM LONG: Not really. I didn't think I was going to have a chance to win certainly, but I knew my game's been pretty good lately. I've been playing some good golf, better than I've been able to show for it, but I was pretty thankful to have the opportunity, proud that I was able to finish it off on Friday to at least survive and I wanted to just kind of show up and give it everything I've got. You can make a lot of birdies out here if you're swinging it nice, you're going to give yourself a lot of chances. Just tried to keep the pedal down all weekend.

Q. Yeah, what was the major difference that you found going from Friday afternoon to Saturday morning, because obviously something in your swing clicked? Was it something that you've been working on or was it just kind of overall game fell into place?

ADAM LONG: Yeah, not really. I work with Josh Gregory every week out here and we do a lot of work together, but everything's been pretty good. I haven't had to make a whole lot of changes, haven't had to think about the golf swing a whole lot.

But I think most of it's probably mental, where Friday you're on the cut line all of a sudden after making those few bogeys and I'm thinking it's a lot harder -- you're grinding it out. Obviously Friday was really tough with the wind and everything, too, it was a really tough day, versus this weekend I had nothing to lose, I'm in 50th place starting on Saturday morning. So tried to cruise up and here we are.

Q. You did a heck of a job. What's the plan now waiting for Michael Thompson to finish?

ADAM LONG: Yeah, I don't know. We'll be patient. I'll get something to eat, hang out. You know, these guys are the best players in the world, they'll probably make some birdies coming in, but we'll see what happens.

Q. Adam, great round out there, great weekend. Just what was going well for you throughout the weekend?

ADAM LONG: A little bit of everything. I mean, I was hitting some pretty good irons and wedges into the greens, giving myself a lot of birdie chances and putted really nicely. I've

been playing pretty well lately, just haven't had a whole lot to show for it, but was able to kind of free it up this weekend and keep the pedal down.

Q. I apologize for sort of the duplicate question to what you just got, but like what's your mentality when you come off the green on Friday having just made the cut and then take me through how we get to this point here.

ADAM LONG: Yeah, a little bit of relief, honestly. I was proud of myself for hanging in there the last couple holes to birdie 8 and then survive on 9 and have a chance at the weekend just to try to get a little bit better. So showing up here Saturday morning, I'm in 50th place and wanted to just do the best I could to shoot a low number, and I did. I was able to kind of keep it going today, but not a whole lot changed.

Q. This golf course gives up a lot of birdies. What parts of it brings out the strengths in your game?

ADAM LONG: I think it's ball-striking, honestly. There's a lot of intimidating shots out there. There's room to miss and stuff, but there's a lot of water out there as we saw the first few days. It's kind of in your face, you can't avoid it. You just have to kind of step up and hit a golf shot a lot of times out there. So it provides a lot of birdies, but it's also pretty visually intimidating.

Q. How much encouragement does these last two rounds give you going forward?

ADAM LONG: A lot. I mean, I've been playing nice. To see some results kind of gives you the confidence that you're doing the right things and you're on the right track and I look forward to finishing off the rest of the season.