

JAMES HAHN (-16)

Q. Looking at your card, 3 under on the par 3s, 1 under on the par 5s, could have been pretty darn special. Getting three of the four par 3s out here is saying something.

JAMES HAHN: Yeah, I just had a goal in mind today just to kind of have a clean scorecard. Would have been nice to birdie a couple of the par 5s, but anytime you birdie three out of the four par 3s I think you're doing something good.

I just put myself out of position on the par 5s, something to work on tomorrow. And it's kind of a good thing that I'm not quite all there yet and hopefully I can put it all together tomorrow.

Q. You mentioned yesterday when we talked or two days ago that you said you got 14 chances to win a golf tournament. Why not do it in the very first one, huh?

JAMES HAHN: Yeah, that would be special, especially in my home state. Last night stayed at my parents' house and have the family up here. It's good to have a lot of family and friends up here. Unfortunately, there's no fans, but it would be nice to win the first one.

Q. As low as the scoring is, I'm surprised that the guys are doing okay from the rough, but how much easier is this golf course from the fairways?

JAMES HAHN: I think it's maybe two, three strokes easier from the fairway. Anytime you're hitting the fairway, your proximity to the hole is probably 5, 10, maybe even 15 feet closer. I had 70 yards on the last hole, hit a great shot and I had 25 feet for birdie. Anytime you have 70 yards from the middle of the fairway you're looking at possibly trying to make it, so that's a big difference.

Out here the greens are definitely getting firmer, especially in the late afternoon, you kind of get a couple extra spike marks. Even though you're able to tap them down, they're not as smooth as in the morning rounds, so you want to be as close to the hole as you can.

Q. What is the pressure like trying to complete the medical?

JAMES HAHN: It's the same as trying to win a golf tournament, I can tell you that, because you've heard it before, winning takes care of itself. It takes care of a lot of problems.

You know, the medical is just something in the back of my mind, to be honest with you. I come out every week trying to win a golf tournament, so if I can keep my focus there, I think I'm doing things right.

You know, everything you read, everything you hear, just having the right mindset, I think the correct mindset is to come out and try to win golf tournaments.

Q. You mentioned just before about staying at your parents' house last night. Is that the one you grew up at?

JAMES HAHN: Yeah, it is the one that I grew up at. It's an Alameda. Still have it. Bought it for dirt cheap and it's worth a lot more now.

But it's good because I have my family there and the last thing I want to do is be alone in a hotel room having a million thoughts go through my mind and try to play out all the scenarios. It's easier just to watch -- what were we watching the other day -- some Peppa Pig with my daughter. It's like okay, that's -- you know, most guys don't have that luxury of watching Peppa Pig, but I do.

Q. What's your history with this golf course? Did you play this much as a kid?

JAMES HAHN: No. To be honest with you, this was one of the stops my wife said a couple weeks ago, she said why do you go to Silverado? I go, why not? I go see my family, it's a great golf tournament, love supporting the local events. She said, you never played well there, why would you want to play there?

Okay, it might have a little to do with low expectations and coming out here and finally seeing the breaks and seeing the putts go in. I think that has a lot to do with it.

Q. You mentioned you were waiting for the season to flip and start over. What did you do to prepare for the start of the new season and this week?

JAMES HAHN: Watched a lot of Peppa Pig. You know, to me, having a 5-year-old and her starting school, it really keeps me grounded. So knowing that when the season starts that I'm go, go, go and I'm going to be away from my family and just kind of cherishing every moment that I have with my daughter. I still grind, I still practice, but I heard DJ say once, I heard Rory say it the other day, your priorities kind of change once you have kids. I'm going from seeing my family 50 weeks out of the year to all of a sudden maybe seeing them 12 weeks out of the year.

Really making every moment special with my daughter is kind of what I've been doing.

Q. You have a really good track record of when you're in contention, you have a pretty good close rate. Why do you think --

JAMES HAHN: I don't want to hear it, I don't want to hear it.

Q. Why do you think that is and why do you think a win --

JAMES HAHN: I don't know, I don't know. I feel like anytime you're in contention, you're playing well, so that's a bonus. It's not like you're in contention and playing terribly.

You know, I just feel like I'm in control of my emotions. I do a lot of reading, I do a lot of YouTube for inspirational videos for things that kind of keep me going, keep pushing me to be a better golfer and just to learn from my mistakes. Hopefully I can put it all together tomorrow.

Q. What's this week's YouTube inspirational video?

JAMES HAHN: I've been watching a lot of Erik Thomas, he's a motivational speaker. Just kind of saying how much I should grind and don't think about the money or anything else, just why do I play this game, why do I grind so hard. It's to really provide for my family and to make them happy and to hopefully make my parents proud. That pushes me a lot harder than any amount of money that can be given to me.

Q. Of those three par 3s that you birdied, which was the best?

JAMES HAHN: They're all good. I mean, those par 3s are tough out there. The one that I didn't birdie was hole 7. I skanked a 4-iron to 25 feet and hit a great putt.

I would say -- I can't pick. It's like picking your favorite child, they're all special when you birdie par 3s.