

LUKE DONALD ( -5)

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**Q. Would you rank this right up there with your top-10 or am I putting a little too much on it?**

**LUKE DONALD:** Certainly top-10 windy days. I think the golf course was probably designed to have some wind where it is in Bermuda on this kind of cliff. There's still some short irons out there and you do have some birdie opportunities, but certainly very windy, had to really control your ball. Seemed like some pretty good crosswinds out there, too, on certain shots and definitely made it very tricky. I feel quite exhausted after that round, took a lot of mental and physical exertion.

**Q. Good day, though, 68 puts you right into the thick of things. You have to be very pleased with the result.**

**LUKE DONALD:** Yeah, yeah. My golf results haven't been great for a while really and so feel like I've been working on some stuff that's helping, and got a little bit of added confidence this week and good to see some scores going in the right direction. It's always nice to hit some quality irons in tough conditions like this. You can't really fake it around when it's this windy, you have to hit it pretty solid, so that's a good sign.

**Q. We were talking about your ball-striking all day, the numbers were really good in these conditions. I thought you were really good off the tee, also. I see you smiling, so maybe things clicked today?**

**LUKE DONALD:** Yeah, the last couple days, a little better. Better iron play, better iron play a couple weeks ago in Vegas for a couple rounds, so seeing some progress. Certainly for the most part better putting, too. My putting's not been great the last month or so, but I missed a couple coming in that I could have made, but putting is very difficult when it's this windy, feel like you're getting blown around. All in all, heading in the right direction.

**Q. Lastly, at 16 when it's 35 miles an hour coming off the water, are you aiming for the bunker, because it's almost impossible to hit that green?**

**LUKE DONALD:** I had 154 a little bit down off the left. I tried to hit a 9-iron aiming at the left side of the green and hit a draw. You saw where all three of us were, we were all in that bunker, which was a pretty good miss, to be honest. It's just hard to get yourself to aim so far left, especially when left is so much trouble.