



BO HOAG (-9)

Q. Just a general recap of how you played today?

BO HOAG: Yeah, I played solid. Played a good round yesterday and, you know, it's nice to get back out and put another one with it. Sometimes it's easy to kind of back off and just maybe play a little more conservatively when you get a good start, but kind of kept the pedal down today and gave myself a lot of birdie opportunities. Played solid.

Q. That leads into my other question. Can you talk about the challenge of knowing you have to go low, knowing you have to shoot 65-66 to stay with the leading pack?

BO HOAG: Yeah, honestly, I kind of like it. You only have one option. You know you're going to have to shoot a good round or else you're going to get left behind. There's no real guessing game. Just got to be pretty aggressive with the scoring clubs in your hands and try to make some birdies out there.

Q. Did you find anything in particular last week with that 11th place finish?

BO HOAG: Yeah, played really well last week at Barbasol. I've been playing well kind of before that, too. Detroit and John Deere, and I played solid for four days at each of those. Yeah, had four rounds in the 60s at Barbasol. Yeah, definitely wish I could have got it done there, but just tried to take the positives from it and build off that.

Q. Had you played here the last two years?

BO HOAG: Yeah, I played here last year.

Q. How do you find this year compared to the last year?

BO HOAG: Pretty similar. I don't see a whole lot of difference. Yeah, I played well here last year, so I've got some good rounds under my belt on the course. Yeah, it's a good look to me.

Q. What do you like in that Minnesota-Ohio State football opener?

BO HOAG: It's kind of a trap game for the Buckeyes. Hopefully we'll be ready to go. Got a couple new key positions that are going to have to be refilled. Fleck's a good coach, so we'll see. I'm sure they'll be ready to go. It'll be a good game.

Q. Are you an Indians or Reds fan?

BO HOAG: Indians.

Q. What did you think of the name change?

BO HOAG: What is it?

Q. Guardians.

BO HOAG: Guardians? When did that happen? I didn't see it.

Q. It's the guardians of transportation. They've got four monster statues for the guardians of transportation. Could you talk about what makes this course favorable for scoring?

BO HOAG: You know, you get the par 5s, you can kind of get those. There's only three of them, but you get a good tee ball out there on 18, with the way the wind is, you almost hit your tee shot against the wind and once you get it in the fairway you're almost going downwind into the green, so something like that, par 5s are pretty gettable. You get a handful of wedge shots out there if you hit good tee balls.

Q. So you got to 10 under. How different did the golf course play between yesterday and today?

BO HOAG: Yeah, played pretty late yesterday obviously and the delay in the afternoon, so nice to get out there and get some smooth greens early. They were a little quicker. Yeah, a little smoother surfaces. Nice to be first off.

Q. You're in that position, No. 125. Obviously we've got some events left. Does that put any more pressure on you, or what are you trying or how are you dealing with that as the regular season winds down?

BO HOAG: Yeah, I mean, it's there for sure. I feel like I'm always playing under pressure. No matter where you are, you always want something. I've just been doing it my whole life, so just kind of playing some more rounds under pressure on the PGA TOUR. Something I enjoy.

Q. Felt like there's a little more wind out there this morning than maybe there was yesterday morning. Any particular spots in this golf course players are going to really need to be careful of?

BO HOAG: Yeah, we started on the back nine, so No. 11, it's hardly past 7:00 a.m. and it was blowing pretty good into the wind. That tee shot was pretty windy. Obviously 9's playing tough today into the wind. They've got the tee pretty far back and the pin all the way back. I'm guessing that's playing over 500 yards into the wind, so that's kind of a par-4 ½ today.