



KEITH MITCHELL (-8)

Q. How do you wrap our head around a round like that?

KEITH MITCHELL: You can't, it's impossible. The wind was a little quieter when we started, for sure, so that led to being a little more aggressive. When the wind picked up, the greens got a little firmer on the back side and I kind of had to play a little more defensive and it showed. It was awesome to start, I really could have -- I lipped out on 17 and really had a good chance at birdie on 18, but not complaining there, just got off my rhythm a little bit on the back and it played a lot harder.

Q. What happens to you and when did it start happening, you start thinking differently? Was it after the third birdie in a row, fourth birdie in a row, fifth birdie in a row? I mean you tied a PGA TOUR record.

KEITH MITCHELL: I didn't know that.

Q. For most birdies to start a round.

KEITH MITCHELL: Gotcha. I really hit a great shot on 17, which is my eighth hole, and hit it like 16 feet just right of the pin, exactly where it's supposed to be, and hit an awesome putt. And then hit two really good shots into 18 and had a really tough chip, it. Was running away toward the water. And then after I made the turn and we had to walk maybe 500, 600 yards to No. 1 tee, that's kind of when it started setting in a little bit and I think it did because I hit a really bad drive on 1 and caught an unfortunate break catching a flyer to go over the green. So that's really when it kind of hit me, was like okay, let's try to get back in the zone or the rhythm and it was a lot harder because the wind started picking up.

Q. Did you think 59 at all?

KEITH MITCHELL: Oh, absolutely.

Q. When?

KEITH MITCHELL: Probably standing on 16 tee. It was playing up today, it was drivable and I hit an awesome 3-wood up there just short of the hole and got up and down, and when I hit that really good shot into the next hole, 17, which is definitely one of the toughest holes and I hit that great shot, it was like if I keep swinging like this and executing like this, we're going to have a chance, and then the wind picked up and I clearly didn't.

Q. When you think back to this round, do you think the first seven or the last 11?

KEITH MITCHELL: Both. I feel like it's two completely different rounds. It's one round, but to me it feels like two different ones because I couldn't miss on the first seven holes and all I was trying to do was just give myself opportunities on the back nine and it just wasn't happening.

Q. I have a feeling adrenaline gets pumping when you get one after another?

KEITH MITCHELL: A lot. I actually felt some nerves a little bit, but they were good nerves. It was a good kind of nervous, not like the "hope I don't miss the cup" nerves or "where do we stand on the FedExCup" nerves. It's more of like, "hey, I'm in contention again and I want to play well" nerves, and those are the good kind, those are the fun kind. It's always good when you have those.

Q. Did it help that a little drier weather was coming in and it wasn't quite as humid today?

KEITH MITCHELL: Well, clearly the wind started picking up and that hurt and kind of derailed my round a little bit. It's definitely playing harder out there right now than it was when we first teed off. It definitely makes the course more fun and more challenging when the greens get firmer and the wind picks up.

Q. With the wind and everybody bunched up like that, how do you think it's setting up for tomorrow?

KEITH MITCHELL: A lot of fun because there's going to be a lot of guys within maybe four of the lead, and on a course like this when you have the opportunity to make seven birdies in a row or it plays really tough, it really gives guys a lot of opportunities tomorrow.