

BEAU HOSSLER (-10)

Q. Beau, fantastic round of golf, low round of the week so far. How big did the hole look out there today for putting?

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, it did. I just, I didn't try and force it in the hole, but I made a lot of mid-range putts and that's kind of where you can really pick up strokes, as you know. Obviously I normally putt well, but this was pretty special.

Q. You had a couple of good finishes late at year, couldn't get you into the Top-125, but carried that into the finals. What have the last couple of months been like in terms of finding your game and did you feel this type of round coming?

BEAU HOSSLER: I don't think you ever feel that type of round coming, but my game's felt solid, to be honest. I haven't driven the ball like I normally do. I've put a lot of work in the last year on my golf swing, and my wedges and iron play's gotten significantly better, which is great, but the problem is I've been blowing it in the trees all the time. I haven't been able to use it, but fortunately today I was able to get it in the fairway a little bit more. I hit some quality shots, nothing -- I hit one really close, but for the most part, just getting looks even from 10 to 20 feet. I know I can roll the ball well on the greens, so I've just got to get as many chances as I can.

Q. It's a precise golf course, but you don't have to try and overpower this golf course, so how have you been handling it off the tee to give yourself these opportunities?

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, it's a really good golf course in that you can kind of do either really. You can hit driver pretty much on every hole here if you want to. With that being said, the way the course is playing, it's very firm, even in the morning it was firm, and you get pins that are kind of tucked or three, four paces on the green. If you're not hitting into the greens from the fairway, you have no chance of stopping the ball. Even from the fairway it's challenging as well. I think you kind of have to pick your spots. I don't think you're going at the flags that often out here. Like I said, if you can get some mid-range putts, the greens are rolling nicely and you can make them. Then try and take advantage of the par 5s just like any or golf course.

Q. What do you like from these first two days that you carry the most positive energy I guess into the weekend?

BEAU HOSSLER: I was pleased with my performance off the tee today, significantly better than yesterday, which set up some better iron play. Like I said, it really starts off the tee right now. That's not the thing that I've struggled with generally in my career, but it's been a little

bit of a challenge for me the last six, eight months. Like I said, I feel a lot better with my wedge game and iron play than I was the last few years and for me it's just getting opportunities there. So if I can get the ball in play like I did today, I think -- I don't know about 8 unders, but you get some looks and you can shoot some solid rounds on the weekend. I'm looking forward to doing that.

Q. If I told you coming out of college that you wouldn't have won yet on Tour, would you have believed me at this point?

BEAU HOSSLER: I don't know, I don't know. I think everybody out here knows how difficult it is to win and frankly just in golf in general, how difficult it is to put four solid rounds together.

Yeah, I mean, I certainly would have hoped that I had won by now. I had a great chance a couple times my rookie year and since then I've kind of struggled with my ball-striking and it's finally started to come around where I can be competitive.

Q. You said you've been working hard on your swing. Are you working with somebody different?

BEAU HOSSLER: I started working with Dana Dahlquist kind of this offseason and we made some very significant changes. Then I had to make some changes to my equipment setup and I would say that really took five, six months to kind of get to where I was feeling good again. Now, like I said, it's been feeling good with the exception off the tee. I feel like I'm trending.

Q. Tell me about how well you putted today.

BEAU HOSSLER: Yeah, I mean, sometimes you just kind of see the greens well and have a good committed process and didn't get -- I didn't get too wrapped up in the result, I just tried to put a good stroke on it. Some days they go in, some days they don't and today they felt like they all went right in the middle.

Q. When you say offseason, when was the offseason?

BEAU HOSSLER: Like after RSM I think is the last tournament, we started there in about November.