

TROY MERRITT (-9)

Q. Troy, another solid day. If we can get some comments on your round.

TROY MERRITT: It was another beautiful day out here. We didn't see the sun until the very end, but it was calm this morning, it was cool, which is kind of nice after a nice hot summer. It was just about trying to figure out how far the ball was flying early and give myself a few chances. I did that. I got off to a little shaky start, missed some greens, but the short game was there and made some nice putts to keep the round going. Yeah, just played pretty steady coming in and I'll take a 68 every day out here.

Q. Yeah, especially when you say that your ball-striking wasn't quite on. Is there something in particular you're going to work on?

TROY MERRITT: I'm not doing anything. I've got a sore left knee, so just trying to figure out if it either hurts at the top of the swing or coming into impact. Don't always know when it's going to be, but just trying to manage that. Just knowing that not every shot is going to be perfect out there or what you expect. That's why it's been nice that the putter and the short game's been pretty tidy, especially making putts from inside of 10, 15 feet. That might be the goal this weekend as well. The ball-striking might not be there, but I've got to get it done on the greens.

Q. First event of the season, how excited are you heading into the weekend right up near the top of the leaderboard?

TROY MERRITT: Yeah, obviously at the start of the season it's fresh, everybody zeros out and you have that opportunity to get off to a good start. We've got that. It is very important to get off to a good start, especially in the fall. You don't want to be grinding away late spring, early summer trying to keep your card out here. That's what I've allowed myself to do more often than not, so my goal is to, yeah, have a great weekend, hopefully find a W, but if not, just be there all weekend.