



**RUSSELL KNOX (-7)**

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**Q. Four-under second round heading into the weekend, just tell me how the first two days have been going for you.**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Yeah, I mean, obviously delighted with the position I'm in. I had those two or three kind of good breaks go my way which always helps to be up near the top of the leaderboard. Tee to green I played great. I felt this kind of building the last couple months, so not overly shocked. Just got to find a way to hole a few more putts and should be a fun weekend.

**Q. And round highlighted by two eagles. Can you walk us through those?**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Yeah. First hole, obviously teeing off almost in the dark, hit a great drive and just ran through the fairway, hit a nice little choppy 5-iron off a pretty severe downslope and it rolled out to, I don't know, maybe 15 feet, got that for eagle. Obviously best way to start your round, with an eagle.

Then 11, hit a nice drive down the right, kind of like thinned a 3-wood slightly and it was leaking. That was kind of one of those lucky moments like when you have a great round, just skirts the bunker and was able to hole it from, I don't know, eight feet or so. I mean, if things aren't going your way, that goes in the bunker, you don't get up and down. That was a nice little kind of momentum keeper.

**Q. Just curious about No. 10. Like what is your game plan and does it ever change? It seems like everybody's driver all the time or whatever your weapon would be.**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Unless it's pretty significantly downwind is a perfect club for me, so I can just kind of hold a little driver and it's not going to go get away from me. I think some of the longer guys have a tougher job because they're kind of in between; driver is too much, 3-wood is probably perfect. For me, if I can just hold a little driver, it's perfect. It keeps it kind of in play.

I mean, there's no right or wrong way to play the hole. I fortunately hit a good one today just short and just had to pitch across the corner and easy two-putt from six feet for par.

**Q. I know you kind of seem to pay attention to architecture a little bit more than some of the other guys. No. 10 is what we always talk about, but is that the hole you think about when you think of Riv or is there another hole that comes to mind?**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** I think you've got to look at the whole body of it. I've had zero success

here and every time I go around the course, I mean, you catch little things. I mean, simple thing like on 17, big deep bunker off the tee to the right there you've got to avoid, but you hit it in the left rough, now there's a tree overhanging, so it forces you to challenge the fairway if you want to reach in two.

I mean, honestly, you could go through every hole here and say three or four amazing design features about it. I think it's -- even though, like I said, I haven't ever done well here, I think it's one of the best designed courses in the world.

**Q. A lot of years, Russell, 7 under is leading at the halfway point, but this particular year we've got 15 under right now. What is that like when you see a number that big up there?**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** I don't care. I've never made the weekend here, so I'm absolutely delighted that I'm getting a chance to play two more days, and for it to be 7 under is obviously nice. It's obviously a course that's difficult to keep going for four days. I mean, obviously 15 under's scary good. It's dry, it's warm, the greens are good, so obviously he's on full cylinders. I mean, I'm delighted with 7 and obviously if I get to double digits is always my goal every week, so that would be super nice.