

TREY MULLINAX (-7)

Q. Strong start to the week.

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, thanks.

Q. What was clicking for you today?

TREY MULLINAX: I hit a lot of really good shots. The putter was nice today. I felt really good on the greens. It felt like I was giving them good reads and hitting good putts and I was starting them on my lines, so that gave me confidence.

And then yeah, I hit it pretty good. I hit a lot of really good shots. I would say the only real mess-up was on the par-3 13th, just didn't hit a good shot there, but bounced back with a birdie on the next. So just did everything pretty well today, which was nice.

Q. It's kind of an eclectic mix, long hitters, shorter hitters on the board. So even though it's a longer course, it seems like it's open for everyone to contend. What would be your kind of take on that?

TREY MULLINAX: It's a longer golf course, but the greens are a little bit bigger so you can give yourself options, you can hit different shots. I think if you strike it well here, you'll have opportunities. I think short hitters out here I guess relatively, relatively short, but you've got a lot of guys out here that can score. Some guys can hit hybrids closer than some guys can hit wedges. Everybody's good out here. If you strike it well, you give yourself opportunities and try to make the putts on top of it.

Q. And Jonathan Byrd shares the lead with you as well.

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah.

Q. You guys go back pretty --

TREY MULLINAX: J-Byrd, yeah, love that man. I'm glad he shot 7 today. He didn't beat me by one, so at least we can kind of text together today. Yeah, what a great guy. Got nothing but respect for that man. He's been a role model of mine out here for a long time. He's a great friend and yeah, I'm very happy for him to shoot that. Hopefully we can get paired together on the weekend, talk some trash.

Q. How long have you known him for?

TREY MULLINAX: So first time I met him was at a college golf fellowship event probably 2010 was probably -- so about 12 years now I met him. Yeah, yeah, we've gotten along great ever since.

Q. And I know (inaudible) at Sanderson and your results have been kind of ups and downs. How would you assess your season?

TREY MULLINAX: Haven't been great, but I mean, golf's hard. I'm working at it, I'm giving it everything I've got. I'm trying to compete as best as I can and today was a good day. So today I'm going to live on the good days.

And we've had some things go on, it's just the way it is. This game, it will beat you up and spit you out. Just trying to stay positive. I had a really good talk with people on my team this week and I had a really good talk with my wife and my dad. So just to kind of go out and just play a little more Trey golf and just have a little more fun while I'm doing it, so that's what we did today.

Q. Is there anything like in terms of having more fun, like what goes into that?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, mostly just not putting so much emphasis on the shot. Just try to see the shot, try to hit the shot. If you don't hit it, it wasn't because you didn't try. Just try to compete, trying to hit the right shots and just living with the result. Like don't be so anxious and so nervous to hit the shot. Just breathe, see your shot, hit your shot. If you don't hit it, go hit the next one. And if you do, great, awesome, live on that and take that momentum going forward. Just going to try to do that a lot this week.

Q. I know, I remember on KFT a couple years ago in Mexico you had some fun with the hat?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, yeah. I don't know if I'll bring that hat back, but it was a fun little experience. I actually hit my driver really good with that hat, which was nice. Yeah, I don't think I'll bring the hat back this week, but hopefully keep the round going and I get to see you guys more.

Q. Do you still have that hat?

TREY MULLINAX: I do. Yes, I do still have that hat still.

Q. At your house?

TREY MULLINAX: Yeah, it's probably in my closet really. I think I wore it for Halloween, that was kind of fun.

Q. Like a Halloween --

TREY MULLINAX: Exactly. My son loves -- I might do it this year for his birthday. He loves Buzz Lightyear, so I might go as Woody with the cowboy hat. We'll see. We'll see what my wife says.