

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE
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JUSTIN SUH (-6)



Q. Justin, 6 under 65, good start. Overheard you back there talking about driver shaft change, obviously (inaudible). If you could just touch on that and then some (inaudible)?

JUSTIN SUH: Yeah, I just changed the driver shaft. I don't really know what they did, I'm not very -- I never really ask, I just kind of look at the numbers and see if it goes in my window. We messed around with probably five or six different shafts and I found one that worked well during the practice round, I just left it in play. I don't even know what it's called, to be honest.

Q. You had mentioned that you left a few out there, but the fact is you shot 65. Overall, that's got to feel good.

JUSTIN SUH: It does feel good, especially in the morning round where the wind wasn't as high. It got a little gusty in the beginning but died down after the first four holes. I think when the wind's down here you've got to take advantage of the golf course.

Q. Through Thursdays and Fridays you posted good scores throughout this year, some of the weekends haven't gone as well. What have you learned from some of those experiences that maybe now again back in that position after one round you can take forward?

JUSTIN SUH: Yeah, I'd say last year on Korn Ferry Saturdays and Sundays were my best scoring average. Fortunately it's because I was in the Wednesday pro-ams, but this year I'm not getting into the Wednesday pro-ams, so I have to get to the next tournament probably Sunday, Sunday night.

I don't know, I feel like having that one day off between weeks on Mondays was pretty key for me because by the time Saturday rolls around, you've already played four rounds by then. So I would say this week I came in on Monday, just kind of took it easy. So hopefully that's what's making the difference because overall I don't feel like I'm doing that much different.

Q. Just generally 76 in the FedExCup, just kind of right on that playoff line. Do you feel you're trending kind of with the last couple weeks here?

JUSTIN SUH: I'd say last week was a fairly like average week. I didn't hit it great, I didn't post any low ones, but I did see a few good shots that I was wanting to see as far as like how my setup felt and the window I wanted to see it in.



This morning I thought I was able to produce a lot better shots, especially off the tee, fortunately for that driver shaft change. But I think if I keep working on seeing those lines and swinging around like my spine, I think it will be pretty good.

Q. You touched on the conditions a little bit, but how much of an advantage do you think it is to get out early on a day like this and let everyone else play in the heat of the afternoon?

JUSTIN SUH: The heat's there all day, I don't think they're escaping that, it was hot in the morning. But definitely the wind conditions can get tough out here. I know it gets pretty gusty. But to get out early where we had a few holes where we didn't have to deal with wind is pretty key and just take advantage of those holes. I think it was definitely an advantage going off early today.

Q. What are the biggest things you do to combat the heat?

JUSTIN SUH: Just drink a lot of water, and probably when we have those water stations I kind of dunk my hand in there just for a quick second. I'm just trying to get the grip dry, hydrate and stay as cool as you can.

Q. You said the distance caught you a little by surprise on a couple drives today?

JUSTIN SUH: Yeah, just because the last few months or so I'd say on average I wasn't driving it as far as I would like to, or kind of what I would like to see. But this morning I was able to hit some good ones and be pleasantly surprised with how far it went. It felt like that's where I should have been, you know, in the last few tournaments. So to see that, hit some good ones, it felt pretty good.

Q. Is this one of those rounds where the way you played you feel like it's very replicable moving forward?

JUSTIN SUH: Very. I would say I was able to get into some comfortable positions just off the tee and play a very smooth round. I don't think I really played myself out of any tee shots. To play steady golf is pretty fun for me but boring for some.

Q. Coming to a tournament like this, you know the scores are traditionally low. Does that affect your mindset when you're out there on opening day?

JUSTIN SUH: Not really, because I would say everyone kind of has their own game. So if you play to your game, like there's always a scoring average and I'd say if I'm playing to my game, like usually you can make some birdies. But I don't know, even if this is like a scorable golf course, I would say you still have to hit really good shots to make it scorable. There's a lot of water out there, the rough is getting long, so I think you just have to keep it in play.

