

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**August 11, 2023**

**KEVIN SUTHERLAND (-6)**



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**Q. Kevin, thanks for joining us. Just to start, it looked like you played the par 5s well. How key was that for your round?**

**KEVIN SUTHERLAND:** Well, it was everything. I was what, 5 under on the par 5s. I kind of just, I played really well all day. The course is, it's not playing easy. The greens are firm and everything's kind of bouncing a little bit right now, so it's playing tough. I just took care of the par 5s and the rest of the course I just kind of managed it pretty well. Didn't make -- I made, what, I had one bogey on the very first hole today for me, but the rest of it was pretty solid.

**Q. Coming into this week, did you feel good about your game?**

**KEVIN SUTHERLAND:** You know, I didn't know. You're home for three weeks, I took some time off. If anything, I feel fresh. I think that's the most important thing is the game was a little raw and I didn't know. It was just feel fresh, the brain's calm. Those are better than anything else.

**Q. Did you work on anything when you were off?**

**KEVIN SUTHERLAND:** No, not really. You know, I honestly, I played some golf the first week and then the second week I didn't touch a club. I played only a few days the third week. I really, I just kind of like took some time away and decompressed. So I'm a fresh golfer, which I guess is sometimes a good golfer.