QUICK QUOTES August 4, 2023

RUSSELL HENLEY (-12)



Q. Russell, what was the biggest difference between Thursday and Friday?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Yeah, I think off the tee I was a little bit sharper, meaning I could attack the course a little bit more. And then the back nine I thought played this morning a little bit more difficult. The wind was opposite and it was drizzling, so it made 14 and 15 play a lot different.

Yeah, just I would say just off the tee didn't quite get it in the fairway quite as much.

Q. What has been -- what do you feel like has been the sharpest part of your game through the first 36 holes?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I think my putting's been really solid. I haven't looked at the stats. My putting's been good and I feel like my approach game when I'm in the fairway has been pretty good. I've made a lot of good par saves and made a decent amount of 10-, 15-footers, too.

Q. It's going to be soft again this weekend just like it was a couple years ago. What's the plan going into the weekend? You've got to go low again.

RUSSELL HENLEY: Just got to continue the same things, just committing to my lines, committing to what I decide to hit off the tee and just making the best swing that I can.

Q. You said yesterday that you think about what happened in 2021 a lot. Can you give me a little more about when that happens?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Yeah, I don't think about it a ton, but I think about it some.

Yeah, I mean, I was leading the tournament through 10 holes. I birdied 10 on Sunday and felt like I was in control of the tournament. Had a couple three-putts, missed a couple short ones and a couple bad swings on the back and missed out on the playoff by one shot. Definitely stings to kind of lose it right there because I played so well the first however many holes, 60 holes.

But again, you know, it's why I've got to play all 72 holes. It's just hard to do, hard to finish it off, but I'm excited hopefully for another good weekend.

Q. Are you a different golfer than you were there?



RUSSELL HENLEY: I think I've learned a lot about my game. I think I'm -- I definitely am more content with whatever happens now than maybe a couple years ago. I desperately want to play well, but definitely have learned a lot from some of those ones that stung a little bit.

Q. Russell, do you -- like quarterbacks, other people in other sports will sometimes remember missed throws or things that they, you know, didn't do three, four years ago. Do you have the same thing where there's still putts you think about or shots you think about years later?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Yeah, I think so. I try and forget the bad ones, but I also try to learn from them. If you miss a putt that broke a little more than you thought or a little less than you thought, you know, I kind of have that in the memory bank, especially when you play a lot of these courses year after year. You definitely always have a log of a lot of different shots.

Q. When you thought about it a lot, what do you process as like the thing you would do differently next time?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I'm not sure. I just, you know, I think I just hope that through all my experience I would be a little more comfortable next time in that situation.

