ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES March 30, 2024

STEPHAN JAEGER (-9)



Q. Good stuff out of you today, you made six birdies, you're tied for the lead, you have a chance to win for the first time on the PGA TOUR coming up on Easter Sunday.

STEPHAN JAEGER: Yeah, third time. But I played solid, putter bailed me out a couple times again, I drove it much better today. The golf course, if you hit fairways and you hit in the right spots on the greens, you can make some birdies. The weather was a little better today, not as windy, but you still got to hit it from the right angles and stuff.

Q. You hit every green until you get to 13, the shortest par 4 in the golf course. You got the bonus bounce off the cart path, not really fair but adds like 57 yards, and that is such a difficult little hole, isn't it?

STEPHAN JAEGER: It is to that front pin, and the wind was kind of off the left so it's a tough one for a fader to start far enough left. Obviously the cart path being way past the pin's not great. I would have liked it maybe just on the rough pin high, you can kind of bump something up and have 10, 15 feet. End up obviously making bogey, so it's one of those holes where you're in the right spot and you can kind of make a birdie, but you're in the wrong spot you can make bogeys, too.

Q. Your thoughts of going into Sunday?

STEPHAN JAEGER: I'm excited. Like you said, chance to win and that's kind of the plan for -- that's been the plan for this year, to have opportunities to win on Sundays. Obviously you've got to play well to get there, so I'm super excited about it.

Q. What's it like just as a competitor being in that stage kind of going up, matching Scottie's 66, being in the lead and being on that stage you've kind of worked for throughout your life and career?

STEPHAN JAEGER: Yeah, that guy, he's pretty good.

No, it was fun, right? That's kind of what we practice for and we try to get in the lead and we're trying to have a chance to win. So I'm excited.

Q. The 15th hole, how was that playing from your vantage point? It played as the toughest hole today.

STEPHAN JAEGER: Yeah, Scottie hit a good shot there and it spun off the green and it



went in the water. That pin is diabolical with this wind, into the wind. It's one of those holes you want to just get through with par or bogey for where we hit it. I was excited to kind of make an eight-footer for par and get to the next hole.

Q. A lot was discussed on TV about your ball speed and the increases over the last couple years. Do you feel like it's easier to play with that or do you feel different just --

STEPHAN JAEGER: Yeah, absolutely. Some kind of -- some holes you've got shorter clubs in. The par 5s are a little more reachable so that's kind of the plan, to continue work on that. And obviously getting in the fairways are huge, too.

