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Aaron Wise

Flash Quotes

Q. On a day when a lot of people are heading south with rounds, 3-under 69, does that feel a little bit more like a 65, 66?

AARON WISE: Felt like about as good as I could shoot with how I drove the ball, so I'm super pleased with it. The course is firming up. It's playing tricky. I felt like I hit my irons great, chipped and putted great. The one thing I could clean up is how I drove the ball today.

Q. You mentioned your position, something you're focused on. If you could just touch on that.

AARON WISE: Yeah, yeah. This is a course I feel like you can kind of attack a little bit if you're in the fairway. But if you're in the rough you're scrambling from everywhere. You can't hold these greens with how firm they are and it becomes a really tricky golf course to play. I felt like I did that a lot of today, and somehow was able to putt really well and chip really well and shoot 3-under. But I would love to be able to put the ball in the fairway and get a few more looks at birdie tomorrow.

Q. It's probably just going to be getting even harder tomorrow; does that almost set up better, that you can put together a strong round --

AARON WISE: Yeah, I feel like if you're chasing you always want it to be as tough as it can be. The greens are really firm. We got lucky today, there wasn't much wind to speak of. If there's a little bit of wind tomorrow and the greens get even a little bit firmer, it's one of those things where anything can happen. You've just got to go out and kind of focus on yourself and put as good a round as you can together and see what happens.

Q. What's it like on the last hour of a golf tournament when you're trying to win and you've got wind and water combining with nerves? You've won, you've not won; what's the most topsy-turvy last hour of a tournament that you've been involved with?

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AARON WISE: Yeah, you know, it's tough. Anytime you get -- like I finished second at Wells Fargo to Jason Day, which was right before I won, and that's another course where you're playing 16, 17, 18 coming down the stretch there, there's water everywhere, you've got wind going on, and that's kind of what you get here with 16 being a really tough par-3, 17 is a really hard par-4 and then 18 is obviously a really good hole, too.

It's one of those things where you've just got to put yourself in position and you kind of never know what's going to happen. That's kind of my goal for tomorrow, just go out there, play solid golf and see where the chips lay at the end.

Q. What did you learn from that experience at the Wells Fargo that enabled you to then close the door shortly afterward?

AARON WISE: Yeah, honestly, that was really the first time I truly had a chance to win out here. I think more than anything, it just gave me confidence that I can do it.

I felt like Jason Day -- I think he hit the pin on 17 there and made a birdie to beat me, but I felt like I did everything I could possibly do to win that tournament, and it just didn't happen. Sometimes that's just how it is. I feel like I gained a lot of confidence that around a tough golf course when kind of all the pressure is on you, I could still do it and I had the ability to do it.

Q. It's going to be an interesting day tomorrow, isn't it.

AARON WISE: Yeah, we'll see.

Q. You look at the last two weeks, seven shots back did the trick.

AARON WISE: Yeah, two weeks in a row. I wouldn't be surprised if it's any different. Anything is possible. Anything is possible.

Q. I've seen you on the range the last couple days using a unique training tool. You have this black arm band and also an alignment tool. Can you tell me what the tool is?

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AARON WISE: Yeah, the black arm band, I think it's called a GG Swing Box or something. It just goes -- it's kind of like when you see the guys practicing with a ball between their arms, just to kind of keep your arms closer together. It allows me in the backswing to separate them, which is kind of what I like to do, but then in transition I key on kind of squeezing the arms back together and getting that box to squeeze. Then I put a stick through my belt loops because I tend to drop the club inside and from there get a little bit too drawy for me. So the stick makes me move my hand path out and gets me back to being a little more cutty which is kind of where I like to live.

Q. How big is the stick?

AARON WISE: It's just an alignment rod, standard alignment rod.

Q. How long have you been using it?

AARON WISE: I mean, I've used it off and on. My coach has always used it off and on for different random things. I've been doing that drill probably for a year now. Apparently I still can't do it so I've got to keep working on it.

Q. How often do you use it?

AARON WISE: I'll probably do 20 to 30 minutes a day if I can. That's kind of my goal. Sometimes I'll throw it into my warmup, sometimes if I'm off early I'll do it after the round, just to try to get a little bit better every day.

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