

BMW Championship

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Olympia Fields Country Club

Wyndham Clark

Quick Quotes

Q. How would you characterize the round today?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I mean, it was a good round. I had a tough week last week, but I figured some things out the last couple rounds last week and then early this week in practice. So I'm really pleased with how I played.

A couple unfortunate bogeys, but that's going to happen around here, so I'm glad I kept them to bogeys and not anything worse.

Q. What did you figure out in those couple rounds earlier in the week?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I had a cracked driver, so I think it cracked at The Open Championship, but I just didn't know because I was just getting weird numbers and -- I should have been smarter to think of that. I just thought I was off swinging.

I mean, that's one thing. This week we put in a new driver head, and that's made a huge difference.

That trickles through the bag, so now I have more confidence swinging a driver, which is going to be more confidence in every club.

Q. This year has obviously been a breakout year for you. It's a little different situation than you've been in in the past. What's the feeling knowing you're going to East Lake, going to play on the Ryder Cup team? What's that feeling different than what you've felt in the past years?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, I mean, normally I've had to come into the Playoffs trying to play really good to get myself into this position. As far as that, it's a huge relief. But as you have more success, you start expecting more success, which obviously I'm in a good spot. I would like to have a great week here to put myself right up there at the top so I really have chance next week.

But at the same time, at the beginning of the year my goal



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was to get to East Lake. That's really amazing to accomplish your goals, something that you set out eight, nine months ago, and to actually do it is pretty awesome.

Q. How do you manage wanting more success since you've had it with knowing that this year has been an incredibly good year for you?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I mean, I really try not to think about the results that much. You just kind of really go back to what got me here, and that was focusing a lot more on my mental game. It was doing the drills and the things in my swing and not changing any of that stuff and not trying to chase it.

Obviously I want to get back into contention and win tournaments, and I want to win every week, but I know that's not realistic.

Once this season is over, I'm going to look back and go, wow, what an amazing season, but when you're in it, sometimes it's tough to do that, and you're always in the moment thinking about the next shot, next tournament.

Q. How do you define progress in your game? If you look at not just the wins and stuff but progress in your game throughout the years?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I would say like this year -- I mean, this year a huge success would have been in my mind just getting better mentally to where I feel more comfortable on Thursday, Friday, Saturdays and Sundays, and handling adversity better, handling the tough pressure moments better, and then also enjoying the process a lot more. To me that would have been a successful season.

That's how I kind of judge my seasons.

Whenever the wins happen, that's great, and the results, but I'm really more focused on that stuff.

Some years you can still do that and it not happen and other years it'll happen.

This year has obviously had a lot of success. I've had a lot of ups and downs even within the year, but I'm really focusing on all the ups, and hopefully it's like this for the next few years.



