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Louis Oosthuizen

Charl Schwartzel

Quick Quotes

Q. Compared to yesterday, is today just more stressful?

LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN: Yes. Definitely. You know, with better ball you play with a lot more freedom. You sort of always know you have another score that can count and sort of if you fall on that score. With this format, if you make a mistake, it's the team that's going to make a bogey or something, and it's stressful, especially around this golf course with a lot of water and the wind is really picking up. It's tough out there.

Q. How do you shift your focus going from yesterday's format to today's?

CHARL SCHWARTZEL: I think in this format we've played it enough in teams events and stuff, and at this event we've played it, where you know you've got to be -- we got off to a rough start, but you've got to almost see it as you way you play a major, the way it was playing so difficult. You've just got to keep yourself in it and not get overaggressive. We were just trying to keep the ball in play and give ourselves enough opportunities and not try and force the issue and get too aggressive.

Q. Can you talk about the par on No. 6?

LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN: Yeah, that's probably the toughest tee shot I think out there today, and everyone is just going to hit it on the right there. Here you've got to -- it was lying in an old divot with mud on the ball, and the divot was aiming straight left, so he was trying to do something there and just couldn't get it out. Luckily I had a clear shot, but adjusted nicely and pitched it up there and he made quite a few of those length putts today. It definitely felt like a net birdie.

Q. Charl, what was the best thing Louis did today?

LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN: Well, there wasn't many (laughing).



CHARL SCHWARTZEL: You know, he drives the ball so well, and he makes me really uncomfortable. I'm not used to hitting out of so many fairways.

Q. How did you guys decide which golf ball to use?

LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN: So we switch it up. Our balls are very similar. He uses the Clear and I've got the Pro-V1, and honestly don't feel a lot difference. Whoever hits the iron shot, the other guy will hit the tee shot with that ball. I use his ball off the tee and he uses mine off the tee, and that way for your second shot with the irons, you use your own ball.

Q. Tell me a little bit about the decision on what song to play for the walk-up music.

LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN: We had no idea. I think up until three days ago we didn't have a song, and then my wife just sent a song and just said she thinks this song would be really, really good for us. I think the people will enjoy it.

Q. Did you know the song?

LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN: No. No idea. It's sort of that tune that's going to stick in your head the whole freaking day, I think. I think by the match tomorrow we're going to be humming it the whole time around.

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