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Jordan Spieth

Quick Quotes

Q. Those back to back Texas wins weren't to be, but what were the takeaways from a bit of a crazy day of golf today?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I think I made a couple -- I think once we got through 12 holes I was kind of out of it at that point, so that was disappointing. Made a couple mistakes off the tee on 12 and 13 and lost a couple strokes.

All in all, coming in I didn't think this was necessarily the best golf course for me. Historically I didn't feel that way. Obviously after the first round I liked the position I was in, but I'm happy with kind of the way things turned out for the week as a whole.

Today was a little disappointing. Just was tough. What a battle. We don't normally get rain in Texas without electricity very often, and so that was definitely a test. But it was fun. I thought the tournament was great out here, and after having a month off just kind of coming out and hitting a lot of good shots, picking back up where I left off, was a big confidence boost.

Q. Talk us through the last three hours from the rain being extremely heavy to then getting off the golf course. What do you do during that time, and then to be able to get your body back into a place where you're ready to swing.

JORDAN SPIETH: Well, I only had 83 yards left so I didn't have to go through any warmup. Went to the range and just hit some wedges. I don't know if water got between me and the ball, but none of us hit a good wedge out there. That rain is tough.

We went through four towels, three gloves, we were trying to figure out who is holding the umbrella when. It was a bit of a mess. I mean, I got pictures from friends and family out there and looked like a bigger mess outside of the ropes.

So wish I could have performed a little bit better. Kind of on the back nine today. But overall, it was the best finish



I've had at this event, an event that like I've mentioned to you before, takes a lot out, and I'm kind of rejuvenated for next week.

Q. Looking ahead to a major, what stood out to you about with your game after being able to knock off all the rust you mentioned earlier that makes you feel confident?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I think my ball striking, if anything, felt the same, potentially a little improved, and then I really just was rust with the short game. I think that's something that just takes repetitions and rounds, and so I'll go get probably 27 holes, maybe 36 between the next three days and try and learn the golf course.

Really just try and knock off whatever else I need to tighten up a little bit around and on the greens. Sometimes just takes a couple putts early in a round and the lid comes off for the whole week. Hopefully that's how it is.

Q. On a personal level, what did you accomplish this week to set yourself up for next week?

JORDAN SPIETH: I guess I got back into tournament golf. Played well, hit a lot of good shots. You know, rusty mistakes here and there, and then I just didn't putt as well as I would like to. So stroke was a little off to start, and I'll work on that for next week for sure.

But coming into the week if you told me Top 10, I would probably take it. I didn't know where anything stood. It's always a long week. It's such a fun week, and then at the end, I'm pretty excited to go to the next one because -- which obviously is now a major championship.

So after that delay with only one shot to go I already started looking ahead. I can't wait to get over there.

Q. As you say, you can't wait to get over there. Obviously with the career Grand Slam at stake, you've been asked ad nauseam about this, bit to carry that positive momentum with your game, how do you think your game is suited for the Ocean Course?



JORDAN SPIETH: I'm not sure. I've never been there. I hear it's a second-shot golf course with a lot of blind shots off the tee. Just going to need to get to where -- you know, we get a lot of information in our practice rounds about what line to take off the tee, and from there I feel like iron shots in the wind and controlling distances is a strength of mine, and hopefully that's what it comes down to.

Then again, I'm going to spend a lot of time on the range getting my stroke dialed in. I think that was the difference maker for me this week.

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