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Sutton, Coldfield, England

The Belfry

Ryan Fox

Quick Quotes

Q. That 66 puts you in a tie for the lead. You must be feeling happy with the day's work?

RYAN FOX: Really happy. Hit it really solid, maybe one tee shot on the second which looked a little dicey but hit a lot of wedge shots close and took advantage on a couple of the hard holes on 12 and 18. Hole a couple of 40-footers which is always nice to keep the round going and.

Yeah, look, I did everything pretty well which is nice and had a good group to play with with Thomas and Jac, and we had a few laughs out there, especially on 10. It was just a nice day.

Q. You're on a pretty good run of form at the moment, a win and two top 15s in your last three outings, but there was a big break in the middle somewhere. What did you do in those eight weeks where you were not playing golf to keep this momentum alive?

RYAN FOX: I changed a lot of nappies. I played a lot of social golf with my mates when I was back home. Did a little bit of fishing. Did a bit of baby-sitting as you can imagine. I kept on top of it with my coach at home, Marcus, and had a little tournament back at home, a two-rounder down at Queenstown which sort of took the place of the New Zealand Open, and that kind of kept everything sharpish and everything felt pretty good coming over here.

I work with Jamie Gough over here and was pretty happy with how things were placed the first week, and we did some good work the last couple of weeks and sort of everything has clicked into place which has been nice.

Q. Is there one thing that you have in the forefront of your mind at the moment when you are out there on the golf course?

RYAN FOX: I'm trying to think as little as possible, which is always a nice place to be. Just trying to -- for me it's about



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getting into my shots, picking targets, picking the shape, the flight I want to see and trying to execute that and sort of not worry about where it goes.

You know, it's easier said than done most of the time but I guess winning earlier in the year also kind of takes the pressure off, so it's a little bit easier to let go as well and I've done that really well the last couple of weeks.

Q. Finally about the course and the way its set up this year, we love coming back to The Belfry. Give us an idea of how you are tackling it. And where does it give you opportunities this year?

RYAN FOX: I feel like if you drive it well around here, you get quite a lot of opportunities. You can hit a lot of wedges in, and there's probably four or five holes you've really got to play nice and safe, make your par. 6, definitely. 8 and 9 can sneak up on you a little bit and 12 is hard and obviously 18 is a really strong hole.

So if you can kind of get through those holes without any damage, you can kind of attack the rest of the golf course, and I managed to do that pretty well. I've missed most of my drives in the right place which is a good thing to do. I didn't hit a lot of fairways. But I was just off on a lot, and the rough's a little patchy this week, so you can kind of get away with it.

Yeah, it's a fun golf course to play. I grew up on this kind of grass as well. So it fits quite nicely in my head. Kind of know what it's going to do and how it's going to react and just went out and tried to hit a couple of shots and did that well.

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