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Phillip Archer

Quick Quotes



THE MODERATOR: Phillip Archer is with us now at the 2025 Senior PGA Championship. 71 for you today. How would you describe your third round?

PHILLIP ARCHER: Yeah, good. Solid, really. Got off to a great start with birdie-birdie on 1 and 2, which gave me a little bit of a cushion because the greens were getting a bit slippery out there and the wind was blowing hard so there was a couple of short putts missed on 5 and 6 but then two birdies gave me that cushion.

Played lovely on the back nine, just missed one green and got a plugged lie in the bunker on 14, which cost a bogey, and then just finished with a nice birdie on the last, really. Yeah, quite happy with the day.

Q. You've got a lot going on out there. The wind, the rough, crazy leaderboard, everybody is up there. How do you stay focused?

PHILLIP ARCHER: Just I'm big on routines, so once we discussed the shot, just go into routines as well as you can and stick to them as well as you can. You can find yourself, especially in this sort of company, start getting quicker and quicker, so my caddie has been telling me to slow down and stuff, breathe, and again, just delve into routines. I've been pretty good with it all week, even until the last waggle with the golf shot and everything like that. It's good. Can't berate myself if I hit a bad shot if I commit to the full routine. That's all I'm trying to do, and I've done it for three rounds now, so got one more to go.

Q. You don't need any introduction; you know these guys, Goose and Bjørn, Westwood. Is this just adding to the joy of this, to have these guys up there?

PHILLIP ARCHER: It's why you spend all the time on the range hitting ball after ball to be in this sort of situation and this sort of company and all that stuff. I played a long time on the European Tour, but you've grown up watching these guys win tournaments and majors, and yeah, you're in their company, and you've got to tell yourself you belong there.

I'm there by credit, and I'm playing nice stuff, so there's no reason why we can't be up there going into the last bit of holes tomorrow.

Q. How good do you feel going into tomorrow when maybe the conditions are a little less windy and give yourself a chance at this?

PHILLIP ARCHER: Yeah, well, I'd love the wind to blow again, to be honest, keep it quite tough. But no, just like I say, me and my caddie are doing well. We're keeping ourselves calm. We're not going up when we make birdies, we're not getting down when we make bogeys. That's all I've got to do for 18 holes again tomorrow, really, and what will be will be.

There's no reason why -- I'm striking the ball lovely. The swing feels really solid. Coming down the stretch tomorrow, I don't know, but I was up there a couple of years ago in Porthcawl and stuff, so I might lean on that a little bit because I know in the last four holes when I was in contention I got a bit quick and tried a bit too hard, and it cost me. Stay in the moment and see what happens.

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