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Ben Griffin

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Q. What is this the third time you've had the lead in a stroke play event after 54 holes, fourth including Zurich. How are you different now than you were the first time you had the lead?

BEN GRIFFIN: I'm a PGA TOUR winner now, so that helps. Going into tomorrow very confident. I feel like I'm in a really good spot. It seems like me and Matti are going to duel it out a little bit tomorrow based on the way the leaderboard is, at least try to take advantage of our leads that we currently have over third and fourth.

So, yeah, the pedal is going to be down. I'm excited to get back out there. You know, there's some birdie holes to start the round tomorrow. So excited to go at it and see what I can do.

Q. I heard you tell Golf Channel that you like this golf course. What specifically do you like about it?

BEN GRIFFIN: It's just an old-school golf course. We don't play a ton of it. We do play a decent amount, but you know, it seems like the way the landscape of modern professional golf is big, long golf courses, long par-3s. This is plenty hard of a test for us even though it's not that long, if you look at the score cards.

You have to be in the right positions. You hit a lot of irons off tees. You can take advantage of driver on certain holes. So I'm excited to attack some of the par-5s, attack some of the shorter par-4s with driver, and make sure I keep it in play on other par 4s with 10 and 17 with long irons off the tee.

Q. How many drivers are you hitting around?

BEN GRIFFIN: I'm probably hitting eight, I would say. Eight or nine out here. I hit a decent amount. I remember I used to not hit driver on 2. Now I feel like I'm longer. I can get it up there close to the green.

You know, 5 I'm hitting iron off that tee. It's very much a placement hole. That's one of the toughest holes on this



golf course.

Even 9 I used to not hit driver, and now I like the way I'm playing aggressive on that hole to leave myself a little wedge in if I hit a good drive. Yeah, I'm still hitting a good amount of drivers, but really have to stay in position on those holes and hitting iron off the tee.

Q. Would anything that happens tomorrow early in the round change your aggression with the driver so many times?

BEN GRIFFIN: I don't think so. I think I'm going to keep going the entire round. I'm hitting a good amount of drivers. I just feel like it's a golf course I'm really comfortable with the shop shaping that I can do with the driver, especially on the stretch.

I don't foresee myself changing any sort of game plan going into tomorrow. Just trying to make a ton of birdies.

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