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Alex Smalley

Quick Quotes

Q. Alex, talk a little bit about the round today.

ALEX SMALLEY: The wind picked up, which is relatively standard. I remember, typically you always have a 15- to 20-mile-an-hour wind here. Then with it being a little firm you have to be careful about run outs off of tee shots. You have to be really cognizant of landing zones on the green, how far you want your ball to land and then release. And then obviously if you're playing from the rough it's a really big guessing game. Felt like I hung in there decently well. I was able to get a nice birdie on 1. Difficult tee shot with the way the wind blew, it was off the right with the dogleg going to the right. Felt like I made a couple significant errors on number 7, and then number 11. Going over the green on 7 with a wedge in my hand from the fairway, and then not hitting a good wedge shot in on 11 and then 3-putting. So that didn't make me super happy. But I was able to hang in there, made a nice birdie putt on 12. Then just wasn't super close to the hole the last six holes or so. I had a lot of longer putts where I couldn't really be aggressive, was just trying to put it up around the hole. So I was pretty happy to make six pars coming in to finish the day.

Q. You're three back of the lead, you don't have a lot of players in between you and the lead though, so just what will your mindset be, will you be aggressive tomorrow or what?

ALEX SMALLEY: That's a good question. I'm not entirely sure. I would imagine the golf course will continue to dry out if we don't get any rain overnight. Not sure what the wind is forecasted to be tomorrow, but if it continues to blow like it did today that will be an added factor as well. I think the biggest thing is just trying to hit as many fairways as you can, because once you do hit the fairway you can be a little more aggressive. As I mentioned earlier, if you're in the rough you're playing a lot of defense. So we'll see, if I have good numbers and I feel good with my swing I might be a little more aggressive, but I'm still trying to do the best that I can as well. I don't want to be overly aggressive.

Q. Six straight top-25 finishes, talk a little bit about



how much fun you're having in the game right now and how excited you are for tomorrow's final round.

ALEX SMALLEY: Yeah, golf is like a roller coaster. When you're playing well you're at a peak, you want to stay at that peak for as long as you can. And then inevitably there will be valleys and you want to get out of those as quickly as you can. Obviously I've been playing decently well the last few weeks and good golf is fun golf, I guess. Just trying to hang in there as long as I can. Definitely having a good time out there. Yeah, obviously have a decent opportunity tomorrow and see if we can play a little bit of -- make the leaders think a little bit with a few holes left. So, I don't know, we'll see what happens.

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