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Wyndham Clark

Quick Quotes

Q. The first couple on your putter. You switched into a Jailbird with no sight lines; is that right?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yes.

Q. What alignment aids were on your previous Jailbird, and why did you decide to go no sight lines on this one?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I had three dots. I've actually done both ways. So I went to an Ollie. Last year at Pebble I used a Jailbird with no sight lines. U.S. Open I used a Jailbird with three dots on it. I kind of go back and forth depending on sometimes the dots don't look right, so I take them away.

Q. So this week it was no sight lines?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yes.

Q. Was there any reason this week you decided that?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Well, I hadn't been putting great the last few weeks, so we kind of went back to last time we were putting good, we lined the ball up, took the sight lines off the putter and worked on rolling the ball end over end, and that's what we did this week.

Q. Did you switch into a thinner grip, as well?

WYNDHAM CLARK: So it's just the way it works out, I kind of go through two or three putters. The U.S. Open putter is the thicker grip, three dots, and then the one that doesn't have any dots on it has a thinner grip and it's just because they made it that way and I putted great at Pebble and I haven't changed it.

Q. How do you feel this week about how you putted? I know today your stats were good, Friday your putting stats weren't.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, Thursday was obviously nice, and today was nice. Friday and Saturday wasn't great.



But there was a lot of things that we learned as far as putting goes, like certain processes that felt good, and I feel like we found some good stuff today.

I feel like there's a lot of momentum for me on the greens going forward.

Q. What's your general approach of how you line up the ball while putting?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I've done it a few different ways. Even though guys might use the same putter or they switch sometimes, we're always changing our process a little bit. Maybe some weeks you're lining the ball up; maybe some weeks it's a fat line on the Sharpie line, maybe it's a thin line. Some weeks you have no line on the putter, some weeks you have no line on the ball.

For me it's almost more of a feel thing. Sometimes you need to work on your aim so you line the ball up. Sometimes you feel great with your aim and you don't need it and you feel like you need to free-wheel the stroke.

Right now I'm lining it up, and we'll see how long that lasts.

Q. My question is about 11. You parred it today but a couple bogeys earlier in the week. It being so close to 16, is there ever a worry there's going to be a roar in the middle of your swing?

WYNDHAM CLARK: No, not at all. It's probably the hardest hole on the golf course. It just happens to be right there. It really has nothing to do with 16.

In every group there's three guys; I feel like one guy hits it in the water, one guy hits the fairway, one guys hits it in the right rough, and it's just honestly -- if you played that hole even par or better, you would probably have a really good chance to win the tournament. It's just a tough hole.

Q. I saw your ball got pretty aggressively plugged in a bunker on No. 6. How is that something you mentally reset from and continue to go get birdies afterward?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, it's just part of unfortunately

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golf. Coming out of the rough it shouldn't have plugged, so that was a bad break, especially after a really good drive that ran through the fairway.

Yeah, you're pissed off, but at the same time you're like, all right, well, there's nothing I can do, just move on. I feel like I did a good job with that, kind of birdieing 9 and 10. As you play more and more out here, you get a lot of bad breaks, you just have to focus on the good ones and then just keep moving on.

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