

Arnold Palmer Invitational

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Bay Hill, Florida, USA

Bay Hill Club and Lodge

Wyndham Clark

Quick Quotes



Q. Bay Hill, first couple times here didn't go so great, but you seem to have figured out the golf course. What's kind of shifted for you?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I don't know if I figured it out. I definitely feel a little more comfortable on it. I don't know, I just think there's a lot of water, there's a lot of trouble out here, and I think I've just gotten more comfortable with some of those tee shots. Maybe a little more conservative on some holes, maybe a little more aggressive on others. Then just I think thinking my way around the course better. I think in the past sometimes I would get out of position and I would try to make up for it and then I make a big number. I've just kind of learned to maybe put it back in play and just maybe make your par or bogey and not try to get those big numbers. So that's maybe been it. It's nice to put some good numbers on this golf course and, you know, if anything it's really good momentum for the rest of the week.

Q. How are you feeling, just last year you came so close, but, I mean, Scottie was just on a roll. I think you even said, When he plays like that, no one's beating him. But you're in position --

WYNDHAM CLARK: It's unfortunate. I had a few tournaments last year that if Scottie wasn't in the field I would have won. But that happens, and I was really pleased with my finishes. Maybe can I get some redemption in these next few weeks and hopefully Scottie's not up there (laughing).

Q. How did Julie help you send your mindset about this place?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I don't know if she helped specifically for this place, but maybe just in general approaching each week a little bit different. Really using each week as a way to grow mentally and to challenge my game, challenge myself, and not look at it so much as results and, Hey, I don't necessarily fancy this place, but doesn't mean I can't play good. Yeah, she's helped me a ton, but not nothing like specific to this place.

Q. I don't know if you look at the early scores when you have a late tee time, but it was a real struggle for anybody to even get to 3-under early. When you see that, if you did, what was going through your mind, and what were your expectations as you went to the tee?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I always watch a little bit, just to see kind of how certain shots are playing. Sometimes you can pick up little, you know, putt broke this way, or it's firmer here, or don't hit it into that spot. So I was definitely watching. I knew it was going to be really challenging. And although 5-under it looks like a fantastic score, I mean, I wasn't necessarily trying to shoot that number, it kind of just happened. I was really just trying to keep it in front of me. Any time I got out of position hit it back short of the green, leave myself into the wind, easy chips. I really didn't have that much stress, which was really nice. That makes it for an easier round when it's really tough.

Q. Did conditions improve as the round went on for you?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yes and no. I would say for sure like the last five holes it calmed down a little bit. But then it was tough to find where the wind was, so that's a challenge in itself. I would say the greens got really baked out. I was surprised how fast they were with the conditions. Yeah, I mean, maybe the last four holes were easier.

Q. What was the club at 18?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Pitching wedge.

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