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Austin Country Club

Tyrrell Hatton

Quick Quotes

Q. Just talk us through your day out there, 2-0 now. You said you were happy with the way that you played today as opposed to yesterday. Your thoughts on that?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, I definitely hit it better tee to green today. Obviously didn't hole as many putts, but happy I never gave any holes away, which is easy to do out here. It's a funky golf course. Yeah, I guess delighted to be 2-0 to this point.

Q. A battle out there as well today in match play; you said you find it a little bit more stressful than stroke play at times, trying not to get ahead of yourself as the match progresses. How has that been for you the last couple of days working through that?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, I mean, it's definitely more stressful for me. Obviously you're playing against one man, and it's definitely a mental battle when you see -- we all get good breaks, we all get bad breaks, but I guess in match play you kind of want to see less of that when you're playing against someone else. So yeah, it's more stressful in that sense.

Q. But overall pleasing, as well, two wins and you go into tomorrow another good opportunity to progress through to the weekend?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, all the matches are tough this week. Obviously you just have to go out there and try your best. Like I said, I'm delighted that I've won my first two matches. Tomorrow is a new day. It's going to be another tough match and I'll try my best and we'll obviously see what happens.

Q. How would you describe close matches like that? Is there a word that comes to mind?

TYRRELL HATTON: Well, I would say each match certainly when it's close is kind of like trying to win a



tournament on Sunday. Obviously naturally a bit nervous, and winning one point compared to a half like the situation I just had there on the last could mean a lot come the end of play tomorrow.

Obviously I was really happy that I managed to hole that one on the last to get the win, and yeah, they were important.

Q. Every player is kind of different, but at what point does being 1-down become -- I don't want to say panic but become kind of concerning? By what hole do you think 1-down becomes --

TYRRELL HATTON: When you're on the 18th tee because then the best you can do is a half. Yeah, I mean, you've seen matches turn around from guys that are 4- or 5-down before even nine holes. Golf is a funny game, especially around this place. It's an interesting golf course. Certainly anything can happen. You don't have to do anything wrong to even make bogey or a double. Wind kind of chooses whatever direction it wants to go in at that split second. It's not consistent at all. So that obviously presents quite a challenge and anything can happen.

Q. What are your thoughts on the drivable par-4, I think it's 14? Just the strategy that some guys are doing, just blowing it into the stands.

TYRRELL HATTON: Well, I mean, this year it's playing mainly down off the right, unless when I hit it goes down off the left and then it carries over the tent and trampoline effects on to the 15th fairway. But it's an interesting hole. It's probably a good hole if there's no wind because at least you've got a chance of kind of stopping it. If you hit it at the green there's a chance of stopping it. Whereas with how the wind plays today and yesterday, I would be surprised if anyone has managed to keep it on that green. You need a hell of a lot of luck involved and stuff.

Yeah, it would be nice if there was some actual drop zones around where all the hospitality is, and ending up having to drop it in some stupid places.

Q. What places?



TYRRELL HATTON: Well, I mean, having to go 100 yards back around to try and find a point to drop, when most places you would play there would be a drop zone nearby. The fact that I had -- certainly for me I was on the fairway on 15, obviously yeah, you don't want to be there, but then I'm having to drop it on a point on a massive downslope, ball below my feet, wind maybe off the left, maybe down. Yeah, it's kind of not ideal.

It is what it is, I guess.

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