

Cognizant Classic

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PGA National Champion Course

David Skinns

Quick Quotes

Q. Solid round, put yourself in contention through two days. Take us through how your game has been feeling.

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, it's good. My first four tournaments it's felt good, too. I've had a lot of close but not close enough, played solid, nothing to show for it. So it was nice to see a few putts drop and get off to a couple of decent starts.

Today was not the best start but I was able to bounce back quickly. It's nice to be towards the correct end of the leaderboard.

Q. First weekend for you at least this year on TOUR. Is that kind of a relief, a sigh of relief, especially in a reshuffle category where that gets you some valuable points?

DAVID SKINNS: I'm not really thinking about it that way. As my career has gone on, I've been more concerned with how I'm playing versus how I'm finishing. I've been playing really well and just fallen on the wrong side of it pretty much every week so far. That doesn't mean I'm not playing well.

I didn't have any different thoughts going into this week. My family is here, so it's kind of a little more chill vibe perhaps. It's been a fun two days so far.

Q. Falling on the wrong side of it, just based on the draws, that maybe will be how your wave went, just facing a little bit more wind yesterday compared to when others didn't. How was the course playing out there today as compared to yesterday?

DAVID SKINNS: I mean, I think they had basically no wind in the morning yesterday, which is pretty rare out here. It got to whistling pretty good there on the front nine.

Died off a little in the middle and then I think it's kicked back up a little to the normal, so 15. We're used to playing this place with wind. It played pretty fair yesterday. You



saw some good scores.

But today is a little trickier. It's drying out, and that might reflect this afternoon.

Q. Anything in particular in your game you feel like is really working this week?

DAVID SKINNS: I just saw a few putts go in the first day and then a couple today, as well. It's just something I haven't seen so far. Not through doing a ton wrong, just that's the way it goes sometimes, and try to ride the wave.

Q. How do you keep yourself patient and under wraps knowing putts are going to fall this week but haven't fallen other weeks --

DAVID SKINNS: It's tough, especially in our category when you know you're not playing the same tournaments as everyone else almost. It's hard to miss by one three weeks in a row.

We do this for a living, so you've got to figure out a way of not getting too high, not getting too low. Last week was a little tough on Friday, but had a couple of good days off and had a better outlook this week.

Q. Has it actually been one shot for all of them so far?

DAVID SKINNS: Not Hawai'i, but basically. I needed to eagle 18, I think, in Hawai'i. But yeah, the last few. That's the way pro golf goes.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about how the 10th hole played today?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, that wind was hard off the left when we got there. Didn't hit a great drive, but I had a bit of a gap through the trees, and I just tried to make sure I was getting it right at the pin because that pin was front left. Didn't quite do it. Came up a little short. But I had an okay angle for my chip. It grabbed a little more than I thought, but I made a nice putt for birdie. In my opinion that hole is a par-5.



