RBC Heritage

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Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, USA

Harbour Town Golf Links

Russell Henley

Quick Quotes

Q. Russell, how would you kind of characterize the round today?

RUSSELL HENLEY: How I played, I struggled a little bit with my swing, just felt a little uncomfortable. Feel like I was kind of going back and forth with a few different thoughts with the driver.

But I feel like I hit my lines really well and putted well and had some really good up-and-downs. Short game was good. Yeah, I managed.

Q. Did you get back in your head like you said you did last week during the first round with your swing?

RUSSELL HENLEY: It wasn't quite as much like that. It's just some days I feel a little bit uncomfortable and antsy, and that was just one of those days.

Q. Is that something you always battle, or have there been times -- like you won earlier this season. Was there still times then when you felt like you were battling the swing?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Absolutely. I never feel like I got it, like it's perfect. Maybe for nine holes at a time.

Yeah, every shot's so different. The wind's different. The look of the fairway's different. So some days I just feel a little bit more anxious than other days, I guess I would say.

Q. That said, if today was one of those anxious days, still put yourself right in contention. Does it feel like how you want to manage those days?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Yeah, I feel like I'm always nervous, so like I've kind of gotten used to it.

I felt like I was really committed to my shots. I felt like we made good decisions. Andy made some really good calls on clubs today. And I feel like I had some really key up-and-downs that kept the round going. So that was kind of it in a nutshell.



Q. Is this maybe the best your game has felt in maybe how long?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I would say the last three or so years has been my best stretch of golf ever. Ever since I started working with Phil Kenyon on my putting, I've gotten a lot of confidence and a lot of clarity. I feel like I'm not really thinking, I'm just playing, and I think that's kind of snowballed into doing everything a little bit better.

Q. When you came out on TOUR, you were known as a really good putter. Was there a moment where you kind of felt like it dipped and you needed to kind of --

RUSSELL HENLEY: Yeah, totally. 2018, 19, 20, 21-ish, I started to hit it really well. I just like -- I mean, my putting stats were bad. In strokes gained, I was one of the worst on TOUR. Just really streaky.

Yeah, I started to get anxious because I kind of felt like, okay, I'm hitting it well now, and I just kind of put a lot of pressure on myself.

Q. When you're nervous with the swing or whatever, does that usually manifest in a specific miss, or can it kind of go both ways?

RUSSELL HENLEY: It can kind of go both ways. Yeah, just depends on the day. Sorry, that's not the answer you want.

Q. That's just what it is, right?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Yeah, that is what it is, if I'm being honest, yeah.

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