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Press Conference



Q. If we can get some comments on a 2-under par 70 today in some trickier and windier conditions than yesterday?

JOEL DAHMEN: We made putts. We're not known for making putts. We're known for ball-whacking, but we made some nice putts out there, scrambled pretty well. Leaned on him; he leaned on me.

KEITH MITCHELL: Seriously, Joel putted great today. You never want to say you could have done more when you shoot 2-under in alternate shot, especially on a day like today.

JOEL DAHMEN: I think it just sucks to finish with a bogey.

KEITH MITCHELL: Yeah, I think that's what it is. It was my bogey too. Joel had a great chip shot. We've played great, honestly. It's been fun, and that's kind of our goal this week.

Q. Speaking of that, you guys are two shots back right now, but you seem to be having more fun than anyone out there. What's working so well with your team at this point?

JOEL DAHMEN: I have to give a lot of credit to our caddies. Everyone knows Geno, but I think our boy Dillon is a good vibe guy this week. He's coming off the computer and out to carry clubs. He's hilarious. He has no idea what he's doing, which is even better.

Geno is doing a couple of numbers in some extra wind, but the four of us just have a good time. We can't really get mad at each other.

KEITH MITCHELL: It's true. We've made some pretty poor swings out there a couple of times, and it's the least amount of reaction I've probably ever had about a golf shot, and I would say similar to you.

JOEL DAHMEN: For sure.

KEITH MITCHELL: Joel said something to me walking off 15. I was, like, Are you really saying that? You don't ever talk to yourself like that.

If we can continue that, having fun, because we're still trying to win a golf tournament, and sometimes that can get in the way of having fun. We're going to let the fun get in the way of winning a tournament.

Q. When you try to have fun and you try to win, what have you learned from the first two days that you might tweak a few things game plan-wise for the weekend?

KEITH MITCHELL: Hit it closer. I felt like I drove it better today than I did yesterday. Joel hit every fairway yesterday, so I felt like I was trying to give it a little extra gas, and that led to a couple of water balls, which was very --

JOEL DAHMEN: Uncharacteristic for you I would say, yeah.

KEITH MITCHELL: I leaned on Joel a couple of times yesterday when it was unnecessary. He carried the weight. So trying to play our games tomorrow maybe with a touch more aggression if needed, but really with the wind picked up tomorrow I think the scores are going to be a little higher and a couple more pars might be okay.

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