

Truist Championship

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Flourtown, Pennsylvania, USA

The Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon Course)

Keith Mitchell

Quick Quotes

Q. What are maybe some of the not so obvious ways that made playing today more difficult than yesterday?

KEITH MITCHELL: Longer clubs into the par-4s. Par-5s are still downwind. At least when I played them, they were downwind, so you could still get to them.

A lot longer clubs into the holes that yesterday we were trying to take advantage of.

Q. You said your short game showed up today. Was there anything you worked on in specific that kind of stepped that in the right direction?

KEITH MITCHELL: I was very -- I picked good targets today, so when I had some greens that I missed, I was trying to be below the hole or back into the grain. When you do that, you just have a lot better chance of hitting it close.

Q. How do you change your gear setup from a course at a Northeast, like growing in for summer course, versus like a Bermuda course like we're going to see next week at the PGA?

KEITH MITCHELL: Rain gear and sweaters. That's it.

Q. You mentioned yesterday having a friend that kind of gave you some tips. How have you been able to put those into practice, if at all?

KEITH MITCHELL: We're picking different spots today just with different clubs, but it played completely different than it did yesterday. So it didn't necessarily change our strategy. It really just changed the clubs we were hitting into the greens.

Q. You've been tremendous in opening rounds throughout the year. How were you able to build on what you did yesterday and bring it into today?

KEITH MITCHELL: I guess just being a little more comfortable in that position. Playing well the last couple



Thursdays, it's just I feel like I've been there now three or four times. So trying to just build off of that and build into Friday, then Saturday and Sunday. It's a four-round tournament. They don't give any points or money out on Thursday. So I've got to keep it going.

Q. You followed up both of your bogeys with birdies. How important were those bounce backs to keep the momentum?

KEITH MITCHELL: Huge. If you get going in the wrong direction with momentum on a day like today, it can really catch you. Hit two really good putts after I made bogeys.

Really the reason I made bogeys is I knew I'm not supposed to miss it short on 2 or left on 11, and there's really nothing you can do. You just have to take 5 and move on.

Q. What do you think you've learned about having these first round leads, first rounds where you're near the top of the leaderboard? What do you think you've learned about the experience of being in that position?

KEITH MITCHELL: That they really don't give any money or points out on Thursday, and you've got to keep it going. It's good to have a good opening Thursday. It puts you in good position, but it doesn't guarantee you anything. So I've got to keep my head down and keep moving.

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