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The Country Club of North Carolina

Andrew Goodman

Quick Quotes

Q. You took control there with winning four holes in a row on the front.

ANDREW GOODMAN: Yeah. I think today was more about kind of grinding after yesterday's round. Yesterday's round was really solid and stress-free. Today was just completely the opposite. I didn't really hit it great, similar to my first round, but I was able to kind of just play my game, play really smart round of golf. When he made a couple mistakes I was able to take advantage and then just being up early kind of freed me up a little bit to finally make a couple birdies.

Q. What are some of the good things you did to take the lead?

ANDREW GOODMAN: Oh, man. I think just hitting smart golf shots. The pins were a lot tougher out there today. It was a lot tougher golf course. So I just think my length helped a little bit. Being past him, being able to see what he did. When he was able to make a mistake I was able to hit really smart shots and not make a mistake on top of it.

Q. I heard the course is firmer today; is that true?

ANDREW GOODMAN: Yes, definitely. We were kind of surprised. We hit a couple wedges on the first couple. I think the one I really noticed was the fourth hole that we thought was a wedge back into the wind and I thought it was going to be okay, and it skipped pretty hard. We were pretty surprised. But that's the way I like it. I'm happy to see that.

Q. How do you recalibrate after playing a softer course in the stroke play portion?

ANDREW GOODMAN: I mean, it's not too tough. I think you just pick your spots a little smarter. I think you -- when you have a wedge, you just play a couple yards shorter.

The main thing is when it starts to get firmer and faster, it's going to be putting that's more of a challenge, which is



where I'm about to go right now. Try to figure out my speed a little bit. But that's, I think, the main thing that's going to be the challenge is the speed of the greens and not so much how firm they are.

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