

**RUSSELL KNOX (-9)**

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**Q. A different 18 holes for you today, eight fairways, 13 greens, you had to do some scrambling, but you got it to 2 under for minus 9. Your thoughts on how this day went for you?**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Yeah, it wasn't very good, to be honest. The front nine, we started on the back, was a little trickier in this wind direction, I thought. I kind of got off to a slow start, managed to get through some of the tougher holes. Then I played beautiful for a few holes and got it going. Then all of a sudden I just lost like complete feel in my swing. I didn't feel good over the ball and it was just kind of survival. Was able to make a nice birdie there on No. 7, but I don't know, I just wasn't that comfortable all day. Need to do a little better.

**Q. Today they played 16, the par 3, back. It was 235 yards, 169 yesterday. Take us through the look that you guys have and how difficult the shot is.**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Fortunately, it was pumping downwind so that made it a little bit easier. I'm guessing that's why they went back there today knowing it was going to be downwind. It's a hard hole. Obviously downwind's a lot easier than into. I kind of tugged it left into the bunker and was able to get up and down. It's a tough shot because the first part of the green is into the grain and then the back part is down grain, downhill, so if you land it more than halfway up the green, you're over the back. Not a great hole from 230, but it's definitely picturesque.

**Q. So you're 9 under. Your confidence level now going into the weekend?**

**RUSSELL KNOX:** Yeah, high. I mean, 9 under's 9 under. I didn't feel great today, but over the course of 72 holes you're not going to feel great all the time, so hopefully today was my round, I had to kind of battle through it. If I can hit a groove on the weekend like I did on Thursday, it's going to be game on.