

AARON WISE (-10)

Q. Shot a 65 today highlighted by an eagle at 17. I know the bogey, a little bitter there, but overall, a fantastic round, right?

AARON WISE: Great round, yeah. Didn't feel so hot starting off the round, but a round I was really able to build my way into. Kind of gained some confidence as I got some things going and I had a stretch there on the back side where I think I made six threes in a row. So really had it hot there. And like you said, finished with a bogey, but that was a little strategic error off the tee and I'm in a great spot going into the weekend.

Q. For the record, I thought it went to the left, too. Being a winner on the PGA TOUR, what does that experience do for you going into the weekend Saturday in a good spot?

AARON WISE: Yeah, I've been near the lead more than once and you learn every time you're up there. Being able to close it out just makes closing the next one out a little bit easier knowing you've done it, you have some memories you can kind of draw back on and some confidence you can gain from that. So I'm excited just to be near the lead again. It's been a little while for me and I'm really excited to go play the weekend.

Q. This golf course takes some time to learn how to play with the wind, too. It's not a bomber's golf course.

AARON WISE: It's definitely not a bomber's golf course, and the crazy part is how much it changes because the wind's blowing 30 miles an hour. All of a sudden, if the wind switches to the dead opposite way, a ball goes 50 yards shorter or longer than it did the day before.

It's been a tough test, but I think me and my caddie have done a great job, especially playing courses that are kind of firm and fast like this one is right now and just judging the bounce and playing good strategy and leaving the ball in a good spot, because like you said, this is a short course but you can still hit it in some bad spots where you can't make birdie from.

Q. A long hitter who played very well today highlighted by an eagle, 65. Most of the players are saying this is not a bomber's paradise. You're known as a bomber. What is the secret to your success?

AARON WISE: Just good strategy. You know, it's definitely not a bomber's paradise. I hit a lot of shorter clubs off the tee and there's a hole on the back side where I'm playing it 7-iron, 7-iron today.

Q. Fifteen?

AARON WISE: Yep. Just being smart, trying to leave the ball in a good spot. It's a very firm golf course, so it's very easy to get out of position around here right now.

Q. I talked to Brian, your caddie. I said, "What's he doing so well?" He said, "Everything, he's back to where he once was." I said, "Where was he in the meantime?" He said, "Just working on things." Is this the product of a lot of hard work?

AARON WISE: It is. I went through a stretch there my rookie year where I started with something that wasn't great, worked into something that was really good and then worked my way almost to the other end of the spectrum out of it. It's kind of been trying to get back to where I was in the middle there when I was playing so well and I feel like I'm getting really close to being right back there.

Q. I know we all have a warm place in our heart for Casey Martin as he comes back from a broken femur and is in our thoughts as well?

AARON WISE: Absolutely. Wish him the best.