

HARRY HIGGS (-17)

Q. Fourteen, 15, 16, what a stretch of three holes there. You make your first bogey. Did that affect your tee shot at all?

HARRY HIGGS: No. I took the club back and my thumb kind of like fell and slipped down the shaft and it totally freaked me out and I tried so hard to -- I let go of the club and it's solely because I threw it so hard at the ball. But I was very fortunate to find said golf ball and then get away with a par.

Fourteen, I knew I needed to hit that putt way harder. I got a little irritated, but I just laughed. I figured I was going to make a bogey at some point. I didn't want to, but I was probably going to do it at some point.

Q. That par you made at 15, I think everybody listening can relate to that because we've all been wayward on there, but to get up and down to save par, that really kept you going, didn't it?

HARRY HIGGS: Oh, absolutely, yeah. I mean, I was trying -- I was down there trying to figure out where to hit it and I was just going to make sure it was anywhere left of the hole because I figured it gave me a chance. Sometimes I compound errors a bit too much and I didn't do so there. I got it up and down. And my hand stayed on the club on 16 and I hit a great shot. It was just a weird thing, it kind of freaked me out. I kind of limped in on 17, I didn't hit a single good shot the whole hole. Then got a nice break on 18 bouncing over the bunker and then holed a putt, we're done.

Q. Would it be fair to say you seem comfortable? Is that fair to say?

HARRY HIGGS: Sure. Well, I mean, in the last 13 months I've won twice and I've had probably three or four, five other chances to win. It hasn't been at this level, but I mean, I keep walking down the fairway just thinking, heck, some of these guys might not have won at all in the last 13 months.

And I had a very comfortable pairing, Brendon and Scottie's a good buddy so that helped a lot. But no, I kept just harping back on I've won quite a bit and I've had good results for the last -- yeah, it was almost 13 months ago, almost a year ago, 13 months when I won for the first time in Peru. So I know I can do it, but it's a bigger stage, you start thinking more and more. But if I keep coming back to, you know what, I won, I know how to do this. It's hard to do what you have to do, staying in the present and taking care of your business, that's really hard to do. I'm sure it will be as hard as ever tomorrow, but I've done it and I know how to do it. Just hopefully actually do it.

Q. Final thing, I would be remiss if I didn't ask you, did you get the nap in yesterday? Everybody's asked me today, what's with Harry with the nap?

HARRY HIGGS: Absolutely. I had to set an alarm so I didn't sleep through the whole afternoon, but I definitely took a nap, recovered, rested and it worked out.

Q. Sleep well tonight, good luck tomorrow.

HARRY HIGGS: Thank you very much.

Q. Harry, leading through three rounds here. First of all, what's been the best part of your game this week?

HARRY HIGGS: Statistics-wise, probably my scrambling and putting, for sure. I've holed probably some bonus putts and then holed a couple four- to six-footers for par to keep momentum going in rounds.

But on the other side, just the mental side of everything, not trying to force too much, not trying to hit a perfect shot, maybe taking the one that gives you a little bit more room and then you can be more aggressive because you're just more comfortable with said club or the line or holding or riding the wind. So I've done a good job of darn near everything obviously. To be winning, you've done things really well for three days.

And tomorrow will be a difficult day with all that goes on with leading after three rounds, but I'm looking forward to it, I'm going to enjoy tomorrow, for sure.

Q. What do you think in terms of preparation for this moment, you've won -- how can you draw on that?

HARRY HIGGS: Yeah, in the last 13 months I've won twice, I've had at least three other seconds, a few thirds, a few fourths. I've done this before. Now, granted, this is the highest level, sure, but when you're out there walking and playing the golf course, I just keep thinking I've won, I've won, I've won. I was joking with some buddies, I haven't won in a while and it's been since like, what, July, which is hilarious to say and think.

No, I will certainly think about that tomorrow. I've won twice in the last 13 months and I've had countless other chances to win. I've played with the lead a lot for the last year, so in a way that makes you comfortable, but you're still uncomfortable the whole time. You're comfortable because you've done it, but you're still uncomfortable.

Q. But it's something where you've done it, so you know kind of how --

HARRY HIGGS: Yeah, I've got a good idea of how I'll feel. I'm sure it will be a little different than what I think, and then I've got a good idea of like where my mind will go, does it

wander. When I got to the first green today and I had like a 35-footer and I was kind of walking around but I wasn't really reading the putt, I wasn't really thinking about how hard I had to hit it. I just kind of had to stop, like okay, we've got to have some intent here, like starting it out on the right, it's a little slow. That kind of catching myself right then and there I think was huge for my day.

I made some poor swings down at the end, but it was just solely that, I never really got out of kind of that mindset where just be direct with yourself and do it and live with it if you don't.

Q. And 16, you don't need to flip over that plaque. You had a great --

HARRY HIGGS: Yeah, it wasn't back on the back tee box yet. No, I saw it today, I had ran back and got a water. But I hit a great shot, great shot, holed a putt, and go to the next hole. It was a lot of fun.

Q. And playing with Scottie, just looked like you guys --

HARRY HIGGS: Brendon's awesome, too. We've known each other, but I think the first time we actually like met today. I mean, it was super comfortable. That helped a lot. I'm sure I get Brendon again. It makes a difference, it sure does. Like the last two times I've won, I was paired with a friend, somebody that you're comfortable with and somebody that in a way you don't want to let them beat you. So it kind of helps for sure on the comfortable side, but you also don't want to it -- I love beating Scottie. He's a hard guy to beat because he's so stinking good, but we had a ton of fun today, for sure.