ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES November 9, 2023

VINCE WHALEY (-8)



Q. Vince Whaley, in with 63, 8 under. Had you at 10 under on the scoreboard for a little bit, but there was a little confusion there. Great round, I think it's still your career low, so got to be happy about that. Just talk a little bit about that round today.

VINCE WHALEY: Yeah, it was nothing too fantastic ball-striking wise, I just made a lot of 10- to 15-foot putts. The conditions were really good. There's going to be a lot of low scores today.

Q. Being first off a little bit of an advantage today, no wind?

VINCE WHALEY: Yeah, definitely. I think the wind continues to die down even, so I think everyone's going to have a good chance today, but the greens were great obviously going first off.

Q. I know you had some issues and took some time off with a wrist injury sort of early in the season, early in the year I guess. How's that looking and how's it sorted of recuperating?

VINCE WHALEY: Yeah, it's a lot better than it was at the peak of the pain. It's still got a little ways to go, but it's much more manageable and I think this offseason I can get it back to 100 percent hopefully.

Q. What sort of things are you doing to manage that?

VINCE WHALEY: Just a lot of PT and stretching and strengthening stuff, and just taking time off from golf is what really helps it.

Q. Hard to do.

VINCE WHALEY: Yeah, it's hard to do, but I have a nice stretch coming up I can do that.

Q. Speaking of nice stretches actually, this fall you've made every cut of the events you played in and continue to show some good form. What has led to that, do you think?

VINCE WHALEY: I started working with a new instructor, Cameron McCormick, kind of right before this whole fall started and I think we've done some good work. I grew up working with him in Dallas and kind of got back into it and it's been great.



Q. What was the highlight of your round today out there?

VINCE WHALEY: Probably just making that putt on the last hole, it was just an awkward little left-to-righter, so it was just nice to finish.

Q. Like you said, got a good stretch during the fall, had a good week in Vegas. What were kind of the big takeaways of being in the mix especially on the weekend?

VINCE WHALEY: Yeah, it was just fun. I had been playing not great golf and struggling with the wrist, so to just kind of be in the mix, it was a lot of fun. I missed it and I love competing. It's been hard not competing at all and then not playing well as well. Yeah, it's just fun.

Q. What did you actually do to the wrist? How did you hurt it?

VINCE WHALEY: It was a root something kind of in RBC Canada, whatever, two years ago. Then it just, I kept playing on it. Felt like I had to finish the season, I wasn't secure, so I kind of had to play out the rest of that. I think it just got worse and worse. It was ECU, tore the tendon.

Q. Left wrist?

VINCE WHALEY: Right wrist actually.

