



Thursday June 17, 2010

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First round 65 (-6)

Q. Tell us about your day...

A. I played very nicely. It wasn't as breezy as it has been over the past few days, so that helped. But I drove the ball really well, and set up a lot of chances – particularly early on. I got off to a great start with a birdie at the first, where I hit it pretty close. I did the same on the sixth, then I birdied 10, 12 and 13 to get to six under par. So at that point I was hitting a lot of shots close and also putting very nicely, but unfortunately I bogeyed the 17th after pushing my tee shot out to the right of the green, and I didn't manage to get up and down. But any time you shoot a 66 round here, you've got to be fairly happy.

Q. You know how that wind can blow, having been here before, so it was important to take advantage of more benign conditions today...

A. Yea, it can be very tricky when the wind gets up round here. But more than anything, I just changed my attitude out there, because it's very easy to get defensive. The wind can be all over the place, so it's very easy to back off of some shots instead of taking them on. So today I just decided to pick my targets and swing at them, and it seemed to work out pretty well.

Q. Presumably once you start getting your rewards, it gives you the confidence to keep going for your shots?

A. Yeah, absolutely. As I said, I got off to a nice start and just kept it going from there. The wind did pick up a little bit later on in my round, but I managed to keep my momentum and focus and all in all, it was a good day.

Q. How do you reflect in the year so far?

A. I've actually played ok – I've been on the fringes of contending a few times, but have just dropped back. In this game, there's very little difference between being right up there and finishing mid-division. But I'm in a good position after the first round, so hopefully I can keep it going and have a few good days. I've been happy with my game, but just a couple of little errors have cost me dearly. A few shots better every week and I probably would've recorded a few top ten finishes, so if I can cut them out then I should be in for a good week.