

RYAN ARMOUR (-7)

Q. Ryan, just talk about that round this afternoon; one of the better ones this afternoon, made some headway.

RYAN ARMOUR: Yeah, didn't start off too hot, short game kind of bailed me out. Got a little pitch-in on 15 to kind of get the round going, then strung together some birdies there on the front side where I drove it a little better and I gave myself some opportunities to make some putts.

Q. Pretty nice one on the last hole just to cap it off, 15-footer, just snuck in the side.

RYAN ARMOUR: Yeah, nice 15-footer down the hill. It's not the easiest golf course. It's got its quirks and you've kind of got to go from point A to point B and take your chances with how many looks you get throughout the day. You can't really overpower this place, which is good for me. It's kind of nice knowing that everyone's kind of going to be hitting from the same spot.

Q. Was there a spot out there today where you did something that kept the momentum going? Was it a birdie putt or maybe a good par save somewhere?

RYAN ARMOUR: I think the up-and-down on 18 was huge. I drove it perfect on 18 before I made the turn and pulled a wedge there and got it up and down. Hit a great pitch downwind to keep it within three feet. It's those little up-and-downs that keep rounds going that are so huge.

Q. You played here last year and finished top-10. What did you learn from playing last year that you're putting to good use this week about this golf course?

RYAN ARMOUR: Patience. You're going to get opportunities to make some birdies. So I started off, had a few looks early in the round and didn't make them and I was like, stay patient, stay patient.

You know, what I really love about this place is it's unique. Every day could be different, it depends on where the wind's coming from. You've got to hit so many different shots off the tee, so many different shapes off the tee. You can't just go over everything like, I hate to say it, like kind of we're playing every day on the PGA TOUR. This is definitely unique.

Q. Do you feel like shooting a score like that in the afternoon and being in the mix and going tomorrow morning, given that it looks like we're going to have 40-, 45-mile an hour winds maybe later in the day, how big of an advantage is that?

RYAN ARMOUR: I don't know if it's an advantage yet, we'll see how I play tomorrow. Anytime you go play well in the afternoon on Thursday and you have a quick turnaround, you want to try and keep that momentum. If history holds, hopefully I can hold that momentum.

Q. Are there certain courses you show up at and you're like, I have a better chance here than others?

RYAN ARMOUR: Oh, absolutely there's certain courses. I mean, Torrey Pines, I could play as good as I can at Torrey and as good as I can, putt great, drive it perfect and probably finish 10th. I probably cannot compete to win there. I just don't have enough scoring clubs in my hand to make enough birdies. Then it just puts so much pressure on your short game when you're hitting 4- or 5-irons into all those greens. It's kind of nice to come certain places and feel like you have a chance.

Q. A few years ago we talked about you tried to change your game to get length and (inaudible). In the context now of Bryson, were you trying to do similar to what Bryson's doing?

RYAN ARMOUR: I don't think I was trying to do what Bryson did, but I was trying to just get it from a high 260s carry to a mid 280s carry. I just kind of went crooked and I can't play golf that way. I don't hit it long enough to play out of the rough. So for me, fairways, give myself as many opportunities as I can and try and hole some putts.

Q. As a collective, like last six, seven years you've been mostly on the PGA TOUR after a few years (inaudible.) Is it kind of a validation in the general sense of you realizing that you couldn't play that way?

RYAN ARMOUR: It's for me. I'm in my mid 40s now and what works best for me is what I'm trying to do. What works best for Bryson is what Bryson's trying to do. I give him all the credit in the world because he put the work in and he said what he was going to do and went and did it. I give him mucho props, tons of props for that. I just don't know at this time in my life if I could do what he's doing.