ROUND 2 INTERVIEW October 28, 2022

SEAMUS POWER (-12)



Q. Seamus, you got in before all the bad weather kind of came in today. How would you can kind of assess the round?

SEAMUS POWER: Yeah, I played nicely today. I was a little loose on the back nine yesterday, but I kind of got it figured out in a quick range session after yesterday. Felt pretty good all day. It was kind of funny, I made one bogey on the 10th hole, it was just kind of the conditions kind of caught me rather than any kind of poor swing, and from then on a lot of good shots. It was nice to get in. As you said, the conditions really deteriorated on our last hole, so it was nice just to get away. I had a birdie chance, but even with the 4, kind of pleased. Yeah, I don't know what the afternoon's going to kind of be for these guys, but I'm certainly happy to be done.

Q. What was the thing you kind of figured out on the range yesterday?

SEAMUS POWER: Just a couple of loose ones. There's a couple of tee shots that have always been a little awkward for me here. My miss is kind of the wrong miss for those holes, so kind of figure out what I was going to do on those holes gave me a little more clarity when I was going through that stretch today. I played those holes well, birdied 13 and then, sorry, I birdied 14 and parred 15, which for me that's kind of, that's the tough part of this course, 13 through 16. I was able to pick up a couple there and that's big, that sets you up for some birdie chances coming in.

Q. Do you remember which wave you were in last year with the bad weather?

SEAMUS POWER: I don't. I know I remember Sunday more than I do -- I remember it was very bad Friday afternoon, got very windy, didn't it? Yeah, it's been a couple of days like that where you can get gusts that really get not out of control, but like to a point where it's tough to hit a shot. At least the direction today is in a way where you sometimes get it off the left on 16 and then that's directly in on 8 and that can really like make things very interesting. So at least in the direction today where they're more playable, but it's still going to be tough, especially when you add in the rain and what that does to your grip and just your general kind of morale out there, it just takes a bit of a beating.

Q. Was there an example of a hole today that played comparatively differently or different from yesterday and like club difference or whatever?

SEAMUS POWER: Yeah, I mean, 9, so 9 yesterday I just ship it over both bunkers and have like a three-quarter lob wedge to the back pin. Today, one, you can't take the bunkers out of play and it's dead into the wind. I hit a very good tee shot, just caught the bunker. And

then you've got a shot where it's into the wind, into the rain on a green where you can't really spin it, so you're worried about that because it can come back down, it can come 50 yards back down that fairway. So you have guys hit 9- and 8-irons in there where it was like lob wedges yesterday. The difficulty with the pin and all that, it's going to make it very different.

And then 17 is the other one, 17 yesterday was a driver, mid-iron for most guys, par 5, where today I don't even know if you can carry the bunkers. It's going to be a three-shotter, especially in the afternoon with that rain unless it kind of eases off. You take away a couple of very good birdie chances just like that and that's adding probably a stroke between the two to the stroke average for the day.

Q. Was there one real highlight of your round today?

SEAMUS POWER: I birdied 16 again today, which is nice. I picked up a couple twos there. I know it wasn't playing as hard today, it was an 8-iron, but you're still, it's an intimidating hole and you kind of feel like you're picking up some, picking up some ground there making some twos.

Q. Somebody made a comment on TV about your shoelaces for some reason. I don't know what was going on.

SEAMUS POWER: Oh, yesterday I had green shoelaces yesterday.

Q. That's what it was?

SEAMUS POWER: Yeah, yeah, they're very cool. I should know who makes them. Charles put them in for me. But they look really cool, yeah. I had them with the white shoes. I didn't quite like them with the black. Yeah, they're nice looking laces and they come in all sorts of colors. I saw Russell Henley with the Georgia red ones last week and the Irish green ones for me.

Q. Do you have them scripted for the week, different colors?

SEAMUS POWER: No, I don't. I'm not great with the -- I kind of just like, I have four different color pants and whatever color shirt goes reasonably well and on they go.