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*Tim, there's a lot of golf left but you have to like how you started.*

Yes, I got off to a good start today, had two eagles, and finally putted well, something I haven't done all season. It was good to get off to a good start.

*You were top-10 last week, what kind of confidence boost is that?*

Last week I got a top-10, played really solid, so I'm just building momentum going into this week. I got off to a good start and hopefully I can continue it.

*Two eagles on the par 5s, what was going right for your game today?*

I drove it well, started on the back nine and was able to hit 4-iron into the 18-green to about 5-foot for eagle. Then the other eagle was on the first par 5 on the front 9, hole 2. I was able to hit 8-iron in there and made about a 12-footer for eagle. Like I said, I was finally able to start making some putts and hopefully I can continue doing that.

*What is your favorite part about this golf course?*

I guess everything right now! You have to drive it well here, and the greens are fast so you have to make sure you're on the right slopes.

*Some guys prefer fast greens, some guys don't, what kind of green reader are you?*

If you can stay below the putts and have uphill putts that's the key. Your downhill putts are a little faster, so you have to try and stay below the hole if you can.

*If you look at the names of people who have won this tournament, you obviously have a long way to go, but what do you think about being a guy who's in contention for this kind of prestigious tournament?*

It's nice, but it's only the first round. I just want to continue to play well. I think if I keep playing well I'll be in the hunt on the last day.

*You're still relatively new out here, what's your comfort level? And how much does that effect your play good or bad?*

I'm getting more comfortable every day. I got off to a rough start this season, but every tournament I've gotten a little more comfortable. If I can get comfortable I think I'll be in a good spot.