

Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial
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Third-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH AARON OBERHOLSER

Q. THE MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Aaron Oberholser into the interview room at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial.

Aaron, obviously a long day out there. Difficult with the weather. If you could just talk a little bit about it.

AARON OBERHOLSER: Yes, it was wet, very wet. And it's even hard to hit these fairways. It's even hard to hit these fairways when they're wet. It's just that the funny curves that you have on the holes, and the doglegs, which is what makes this place so much fun. The first six holes were tough. And as we started out, I have to say honestly to read greens it got tough to read the greens. When that big thunder cloud came over and it dumped on us that one time and then went through, and then it got dark again, it was really tough to read the greens. I hit a really good putt on 6. I had quite a long one 45 feet or so, maybe 50 feet for birdie on 6, and actually rolled it up there really nice. I thought it was going in. And I rolled it up to about three or four inches and tapped it in. But it was a tough six holes. It was a tough six holes. I don't know how many people were finding it difficult out there.

You think it's so (inaudible), this place when it gets like this. It plays almost as tough when it's hard and fast, because you are hitting longer clubs into these smaller greens with tucked pins and even though it's soft, you've got to be very accurate.

And when it's dry and hard you don't have to hit as much club off the tee, and when you are feeling good with the driver, you can put it way down there, and you can hit wedges into a lot of these holes. Even when the greens are hard, we are all good enough to get a wedge shot pretty much where we want it to.

Q. (Inaudible)? What did you hit in there?

AARON OBERHOLSER: Just the driver and lob wedge out of the rough from about 84 yards. Had one of the good lies that I've had this week, in the rough and was able to capitalize on it and had a good shot. And then made a bone head mistake on 3 and drove it into that left bunker which is a no no. Pitched out of it. And then from there, hit it over the green, and caught a flier from the fairway. When the fairways are wet like this, you get a little water in between the blade and the ball. It kind of shoots off the club face and knuckles.

It went over the green and was able to get that up and down.

But the ball striking hasn't been -- wasn't very good today for the first six holes. It was spotty at best.

Q. How difficult is it to sit around and go out there and play and not really know how many you're going to get in and not know where you might stand at the end of the day?

AARON OBERHOLSER: I think it's difficult to sit around all day in the hotel room. You can only get so much of Rocky and Silence of the Lambs, and all of those movies that I watched today, and then you just are like, let's play some golf, let's go. No matter what happens let's go.

You guys know how it is, you sit on the couch on Saturdays and Sundays and get worn out, just sitting on the couch. That's how it is when you are sitting in your hotel room especially when we are used to our routines and we are playing normal. We get up in the morning -- even at home, when I practice at home, get up, eat breakfast, go practice, go work out, practice and you are doing something active all day.

You know, to sit around all day, I haven't quite figured out a way to handle it to be honest with you. I'm still searching. I will take any and all suggestions.

Q. Is it tough to find a rhythm?

AARON OBERHOLSER: It is tough to find a rhythm, yes. I actually hit a very good tee shot on the first hole, after sitting around all day I felt pretty good about that. I hit an okay 3-wood and stymied myself behind that tree.

But the swing felt good at the start, and then the wind picked up and there is just really no room for error on this golf course off the tee. You really have to hit your golf ball well off the tee out here to win this golf tournament. Especially this week, and the fact you are going to stay in the fairways more often. You still have to drive your golf ball because the rough is bad. You can't count on drawing a good lie.

Q. (Inaudible)?

AARON OBERHOLSER: Yes.

Q. (Inaudible)?

AARON OBERHOLSER: I'm sure I have some where. I don't recall it. I can't remember.

Q. Considering the ball striking was spotty, as you said, and how tough it was, everything going on today, how does it feel to be in the position you are in, tied for the lead?

AARON OBERHOLSER: Well, I didn't know I was tied for the lead. But that's the old -- I feel lucky, I guess, considering the conditions. Even though the wind was blowing a little bit out there, and the golf course is playing really long, for this golf course, you know, I still think the conditions are somewhat benign.

It's very scoreable. I'm a little frustrated at myself for not holding on to a 10 or 11-under par type score and be at least even through the first six holes. So I'm a little frustrated at that. You know what this golf course can do. You can go out there and strike the ball marginally, which means maybe hit 8 to 10 fairways and 12 or 13 greens and not play well out here just because you can put yourself in spots off the fairway off these greens. It's really brutal to get the ball up and down.

Q. Yesterday was a starting pitchers day, what was today?

AARON OBERHOLSER: Today was a rain out.

Q. Duck and run?

AARON OBERHOLSER: Exactly.

Q. How do you handle going into tomorrow with a bad forecast on the horizon for a couple of days? Is there a tendency to press and try to get in as much as you can through 54?

AARON OBERHOLSER: You know, that's a good question. I really don't know. I'm going to go out there and just hit the ball and whatever happens happens. It's better to be in a situation like this where you really don't know what's happening because all you can do is focus and concentrate on what you can do and let the chips fall where they may. If it's your turn, and the golf course wants you to put on a really cute looking coat, then it's your time. So that's for them to decide. I'm going to go out and there and do the best I can.

Q. It's hard topping that answer. How do you feel about, do you want to get it in tomorrow?

AARON OBERHOLSER: Yes, absolutely. I want all 21 holes. I got more than 21. What do I have? I'm through 6. (Inaudible). We will see about that. With 30 holes to play tomorrow, I don't know, we are going to see how good my workouts have been. To play 31 yesterday, and to come out, sit around all day, play 6. And then come out with hardly any sleep probably tonight. I don't sleep well when I'm in contention. Never have, even Junior Golf. I'm anxiety ridden for some reason. To have to play 30 holes tomorrow, we are going to see if I'm paying these guys what they are worth that are training me.

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