

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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TROY MERRITT (-10)



Q. Second straight 5-under 66. Was today's round different though with the wind? Was it more tough to manage?

TROY MERRITT: It picked up a little bit on the last nine, but for the most part it was fairly gettable. Ball-striking was really good today, I think I only missed two fairways and two greens. Made a couple putts on the back side to get things going. Really never had any stress. I had to make about an eight-footer for par on 8 coming down the stretch, but really had nothing other than that. It was just one of those rounds where I don't think I got any gray hairs.

Q. We're in crunch time now on the PGA TOUR. As a veteran of that, how are you approaching these final few weeks?

TROY MERRITT: I don't care. I'm trying to semi retire and unfortunately I just keep playing a little bit better on Thursday and Friday. No, for me it's just go out and have fun.

I know a lot of people out in the galleries this week and they're going to be massive this weekend, too, especially if Scottie keeps playing well. It's just going to be a lot of fun. I'm just here to enjoy it and hopefully throw out a few more birdies than bogeys this weekend.

Q. Well, that's a great outlook on it. With the temperatures and heat index we're expecting this weekend, how does that affect the players? The golf ball is expected to travel further with that and then how do you manage the heat yourself?

TROY MERRITT: As an old man, I sweat a lot more. I hope the ball goes just a little bit further.

No, it's one of those things where this last month we played in some hot conditions. You know, at the Korn Ferry down at Springfield, Illinois, and then at the John Deere. Louisville wasn't terrible, but I got a little bit of a taste of it earlier. For me it's not overly enjoyable, but it's nice to have had it in the relative recent past. It will be fine, I think we'll survive.

Q. Are you kind of semi joking when you say you're trying to retire or are you real about that?

TROY MERRITT: No, yeah, no, my oldest will be in high school here in a few weeks. I'd like to go home and watch football and basketball. And I've got the carpal tunnel in both hands I'd love to figure out.



So I'd love to play less golf. If I can play like eight to 10 times a year, that would be fantastic. Obviously playing well will really help do that. No, I'm not really kidding.

Q. And from the status that you have as past champion, do you think that's going to be adequate for you to be able to do that and achieve those things you want to do?

TROY MERRITT: Yeah, no, we'll see. I mean, obviously with the changes coming here in the near future, I'm not sure. I think I've got a decent chance at playing eight to 10 times. If you play well enough, just kind of keep rolling that over. I don't know, we'll see.

Q. When you mention the carpal tunnel, what do you have to do to manage that? How does that affect you when you're playing?

TROY MERRITT: For me, I have to stretch out my hands before each shot, otherwise there's a lot of golf course that's in play, especially to the right. My first three fingers on each hand are fairly numb and tingly. I guess the only benefit is when guys get a stinger, maybe they thin one out of the bunker somewhere and it vibrates the hands, I don't even feel those anymore because that's what all the shots feel like.

No, I just, like I said, just stretch them out. It's not terrible pain, it's just I feel it every time. I'm getting a little bit better managing it, but the further the week goes on, the more I feel it. So the weekends have been a little bit more of a struggle the last month, so hopefully not so much this week. Hopefully we can figure it out.

