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Quotes from:

BEN CRANE

BEN CRANE: I played pretty steady all day. I was very pleased with the way I played. I hung in there on the back nine on my first nine and it was kind of one of those nines where I was not hitting the ball very well. Just hang in there, make some up-and-downs and 6-, 8-footers to get the round going and I think I was able to putt a good round together.

The course was quite a bit different today. The ball was releasing in the fairway and releasing on the greens. The greens were getting a little bit crusty so definitely more of a premium on placing the ball on your approach shots more so than the practice rounds where the greens were a little more receptive. It was definitely a lot harder today than it was in the practice rounds.

I think this course is so tough that I don't think anyone is going to be able to do anything crazy. There's just so many good par 4s, it's just tough to get good birdie opportunities. I think the scores around par are good scores this week. The course is in perfect shape. I couldn't be anymore excited about the course. Anyway it's just one of those courses where you have to just kind of grind it out.