

Rob Laird, 31, of Tulsa, Okla. (even-par 71, 3-under 139)

On his play today:

Today was a different game plan. I wanted to be conservative which was a little tough for me to do and resulted in a lot of pars. Got to [No.] 13 which is birdie hole and I think the conservative game plan hurt me there and I ended up spinning back a wedge and three-putting for bogey. From there, I tried to get more aggressive as the round progressed.

On birdies on 8 and 9:

I had a little fire behind me on the tee shot on 8 (after the bogey on 7). I was able to hit a 5-wood to reach the green and left an eagle putt on the lip short.

Hit a good shot on 9, my 18th hole, and had kind of the same type of putt I had on the hole before and this one just got there and went in. I didn't expect it to but I will take it.

On how each course played:

Different. After the practice rounds I would have thought this would have played easier (Carolina Golf Club). Based on the pin placements, the rough, and just maybe being the afternoon and firming up, I definitely wasn't able to look at the same shots as yesterday. I ended up playing away from trouble versus playing to make a birdie.

On his game heading into match play:

I feel good about my game. Charlotte Country Club fits my eye better. I am excited to get back there. But it is a different mindset. It's a little overwhelming when you have 263 guys out there as opposed to just one you are playing against. The rest of the evening will be spent switching gears. The game doesn't change at all but the mindset has to adapt. Match play is more fun for me.