

**2022 Dogwood Invitational
Druid Hills golf club
Atlanta, Georgia, USA**

Day 1

Weather: Primo

Tee time: 8:00

Round up

Bit of a strange round today, I actually felt pretty good the whole way around but just made so many silly errors that led to an insane amount of bogeys, I had 7 bogeys for the day which was not ideal at all. I managed to limit it to +1 73 with 6 birdies so I guess it could have been worse, I gained a bit of confidence today with my ball striking, it's getting better day by day.

Unfortunately, I caught covid a couple of weeks ago and this affected my ability to practice in the weeks leading up to my trip, that accompanied with the jetlag over the first few days here have lead to some average ball striking the past few days which meant I was going into the round with less than ideal confidence, but that is nothing new for me. I am teeing off around lunchtime tomorrow and am looking forward to putting together a good round on an incredible golf course.

The numbers:

73 – +1

6 birdies, 7 bogeys, 5 pars

Strokes gained -

Driving -1.47 (10/14 fairways)

Approach +.32 (12/18 greens)

Around the green -.78 (0/4)

Putting -.77 (30)

Going forward:

Just do the same thing as I did today and I will be fine.

Day 2

Weather: Nice, swirling breeze

Tee time: 11:40

Round up

Quite happy with my play again today, disappointed with the score as I feel as though I hit the ball much better than that, I made a couple of soft bogeys again which will hopefully get tightened up with some more golf being played. Managed to have 6 birdies again, so making the birdies is not the issue, just need to limit those mistakes. Happy with where everything is at moving into the round tomorrow, I am currently 9 shots off the pace and the cut will be made after the next round to top 40 and ties which I am right on at the moment. Just need a good one tomorrow and we'll be there on Saturday.

The numbers:

70 - -2

6 birdies 4 bogeys, 5 pars

Strokes gained-

Driving +1.87 (9/14 fairways)

Approach -.47 (13/18 greens)

Around Green - -.52 (2 out of 5)

Putting - -.17 (31)

Going forward: More of the same, need a low one tomorrow so will continue to try and drive it as straight as I am and attack from there, limit the mistakes and we'll be good.

Day 3

Weather: Nice, swirling breeze

Tee time: 12:10pm

Round up

Played some terrible golf for the first 8 holes, I managed to get myself 7 over through 8 through a couple very poor iron shots that got me out of position and that accompanied with a couple of 3 putts a missed short one and a couple mediocre chips got me to 7 over, I managed to come back ok late, going -4 through the last 10 holes to get my score back to a somewhat respectable number but this golf was just not good enough. My game is there, it's just about bringing it forward for tournament golf again. I'm driving the ball very well and if I can just sort out the rest of it and my scoring, I'll be back up the top of leaderboards in no time.

The numbers:

75 - +3

5 birdies, 1 double, 6 bogeys, 6 pars

Strokes gained-

Driving +.49 (7/14 fairways)

Approach -1.8 (10/18 greens)

Around Green - -.26 (3 out of 8)

Putting - -2.85 (31)

Full Tournament wrap -

I felt as though my game was a lot better than my score this week, I can take the positives out of it, I drove the ball really well, I just need to play some more golf and tidy up a few things and we'll be away and good.

I have a couple weeks off now before 3 events in a row starting in North Carolina for the North & South men's amateur at Pinehurst No. 2 & 4. Looking forward to testing my game on a major championship venue!