



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: WILLIE WOOD
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MODERATOR: Okay. We'll just go ahead. Willie, 4-under 68 today, 9-under par right now, you're in second place. Just sort of go through the round and tell us about the day. We all sort of got stopped yesterday and you had to come back, so give us a recap and tell us about your round.

WILLIE WOOD: It was quite boring actually. I hit a lot of greens and two-putted. I didn't make any bogeys. My birdies came on 3 and 4, and 3 was from about 15 feet and 4 was about four feet. Then I birdied 10 from about 15 feet, and then 13 actually was my only -- I hit it left off the tee and I had an opening. I hit an 8-iron on the green about five feet and made birdie. And the rest were, I think, two-putts. I don't -- I may have missed the 8th -- excuse me, the 7th green, but it was just on the collar, and I think the rest of them were two-putts. So it was kind of -- I shot at the middle of the green a lot to give myself opportunities and I just didn't make that many putts.

MODERATOR: Do you think it was an advantage that you finished yesterday and didn't have to come back, or did that make any difference do you think?

WILLIE WOOD: I think it was an advantage. Being able to start your round on hole No. 1 just to keep you in your routine I think's important. But you've got to adjust in this game all the time, whether it's course conditions or playing conditions like yesterday and today. I certainly was happy about finishing the round and only had to play 18 today.

Q. Did the course play significantly different than yesterday?

WILLIE WOOD: It really didn't play any different. The ball wasn't picking up any mud and the greens were holding nicely, about the same speed, so it really didn't change. The golf course drained well.

Q. And I know having talked to you yesterday, you said a little too early to think about winning. Now that your second round's in the books,

obviously there's still a lot of guys out there playing, do you feel like you've got a shot?

WILLIE WOOD: Well, if John Huston doesn't run away with things, I'll definitely have a shot. He's a great frontrunner. He can get hot with his putter and just tear it up. So I was hoping to get one more birdie coming in but I couldn't, to get closer to him. I don't know how he's going to finish. He's not far behind me, but yeah, it will be on the line tomorrow.

MODERATOR: Do you want to sort of talk about your year to this point? This is your eighth start.

WILLIE WOOD: Eighth tournament, playing mostly on qualifying. I qualified Monday for this event. I don't have exempt status but I'm working towards that, and hopefully by next year I won't have to ask for sponsors' exemptions or Monday qualifying. That's my goal really, to get to that point because this is a nice gig.

MODERATOR: Willie, thank you very much. Good luck tomorrow.

WILLIE WOOD: Thank you.