

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: BLAYNE BARBER
Thursday, July 16, 2015



Q. Talk about the round today and what was going well for you.

BLAYNE BARBER: Yeah. Today was very similar to what seemed like the last three or four months have been, I was just kind of stuck in neutral for a while. Made a couple birdies, made a couple bogeys. I was hitting some really poor kind of scoring club shots. I felt close and I just tried to hang in there and finally got a putt to go on 16 and finished at 2. Hit some good shots on the last couple holes. I feel like I'm leaving a lot out there, but at least I feel close so that's good.

Q. Do you feel satisfied with what you were able to do today?

BLAYNE BARBER: Yeah, I mean, I feel like I left a lot out there with some short clubs. I drove it really well, so I had some opportunities to be aggressive and just made poor swings. I'm pleased to get going in the right direction, I haven't been doing that lately so that's exciting, and I feel like I've got some improvement I can do tomorrow, which is good.

Q. What were the perks of playing so close to home?

BLAYNE BARBER: Well, I've got a lot of great friends and family out here that have been watching, which is fun. It's always fun to have a response to shots and see people you love and appreciate out there. And it's just -- I mean, not having to live out of a suitcase, I just went in my closet and grabbed some clothes so that was nice. It's just nice sleeping in your own bed.

Q. It must be nice to kind of go home and actually go home instead of going home to a hotel?

BLAYNE BARBER: I'm going to still get Chipotle, which I do on the road or at home, and I'm going to go to the house and eat it, so it'll be a good night.

Q. We talked yesterday about some of the advantages that the guys that went to Auburn might have knowing the course. Did you notice anything that you knew that maybe somebody else didn't out there?

BLAYNE BARBER: I was out there playing thinking I've played this place probably 40 or 50 times and I still -- you just have to execute. I mean, it doesn't matter. It's great. I mean, in my head I'm going I need to hit it there and then I didn't hit it there, so it's just a matter of execution. Just a comfort. I mean, I hit a lot a different places, had good shots bad shots.

Q. Do you live in Auburn or Opelika?

BLAYNE BARBER: We live in Auburn.