

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: MICHAEL THOMPSON
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Q. Michael, five birdies, an eagle, easy enough to offset a few hiccups here and there. Just overall assessment of the round today?

MICHAEL THOMPSON: I played pretty solid. I kept the ball in play, which is key out here. There's a lot of water hazards, a lot of areas where you can get a bad bounce and whatnot. Got a few good breaks and gave myself a good number of chances. Made a great eagle on 5 or whatever, hit driver off the deck in the fairway, hit it to 15 feet and made the putt. But overall pretty solid, I can't complain. Wind's blowing so it's playing tough, but the greens are receptive and they're rolling really smooth, so you can go get it out there.

Q. I've been out here for a while and I've been trying to figure the wind out and I can't do it. Is it steady coming one way?

MICHAEL THOMPSON: Yeah, it's pretty much steady from the east. It does get a little gusty at times. Most of the early morning it was pretty consistent, but towards the end of my round today it started gusting a little bit and that made things a little tricky, especially short putts and then also iron shots into the greens. It will play a little more difficult for the guys this afternoon, but again, the greens are receptive and as long as they can give themselves chances, they should score some good rounds.