

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: TODD HAMILTON
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TODD HAMILTON: Yeah, I had a lot of putts just kind of burn the edge. And it's funny when that happens, once you see one go in, you kind of see the hole get a little bit bigger. Unfortunately, it took a while for that to happen. But I thought I played well, drove the ball well for the most part and didn't make any silly mistakes. I think the worst part of my game today was my chipping, my approach game from around the greens. So tidy that up a little bit and keep making those few putts and I'll be happy.

Q. The course, a lot of players seem to be having success and kind of finding their rhythm on the course today. Is that something that can hold out for the weekend?

TODD HAMILTON: I think so. I think when that rain, what was it, Tuesday afternoon, it made the course a little soft. With this wind though, and I heard it's supposed to be windy tomorrow, it will probably dry it out. So if they don't put any water on the greens or fairways, it will probably toughen up a little bit. So it will be really important to keep driving it in the fairway to be able to stop it close to the hole or even on the green some holes.

Q. You missed the cut last week. Did that kind of help you recharge maybe a little bit coming in?

TODD HAMILTON: No, not really. It was nice to have a couple days off, but I would much rather have played those two days obviously. Just did a little extra work and just forgot all about last week. I actually didn't play that bad last week. My putting has been horrible so it was nice to see some putts go in today.

Q. I was going to say the putt on 17 was good, this one was good. How big was that?

TODD HAMILTON: Obviously you want to finish off your rounds in good standing and I think, you know, those two birdies, I like the shot into 17. Obviously when you hit a good one, you want to make the putt. You don't expect to make a 20-footer all the time, but nice to end that way and hopefully it will continue.

Q. Lastly, just as much as you guys have to travel, how nice is it to have something so close to home?

TODD HAMILTON: Well, I don't really live here anymore, but I kind of know what you're saying. It's great. I live 10 minutes from the Dallas airport, so it's very easy for me to get in and out of the city. It is nice to see a lot of relation and friends, family, whatever, and I actually played this course when I was 14 or 15 years old. I couldn't have told you any of the holes before I got here, but I remember enjoying it as a kid because it was in such good shape, and it was a completely different course than what I grew up playing or what I played around where I lived. It's always nice to be back in the Midwest.

Q. Did you get back -- you got back to --

TODD HAMILTON: I actually played golf in Burlington on Sunday. We left Benton Harbor, drove to Burlington and I think we had about a 3:00 tee time. Played with some friends of my father and then we drove up here that night, Sunday night. So Sunday was a long day. Monday was nice. You said was it nice to recharge? Monday was nice to recharge because Sunday was a long day for us.

Q. How's it feel going in the clubhouse, getting done with the first round 5 under, is that how you wanted to start the tournament?

TODD HAMILTON: Definitely, yeah. Anytime you can knock out a good round early, especially when you only have three rounds, it makes a big difference. It was a little tricky out there today. The wind, it seems like I was fortunate that I played this course this week with two different winds. I've played it where the first hole's been down and the first hole's been into the wind. I understand it's supposed to change, different direction tomorrow out of the north and maybe even blow a little bit harder. So the guys that maybe didn't get a chance to get in early, maybe just came in for their one pro-am day on Thursday and/or Friday, they might find it a little difficult tomorrow. But always good to start out with a good round.