

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: BLAYNE BARBER
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Q. Let's talk about today. I followed you that first nine, you had it going. Things toughened up a little on the back nine, but all in all are you pleased?

BLAYNE BARBER: Yeah, absolutely. That stretch from like 9 to 13's a little tricky and then some tougher pins coming in. So I played really well, stayed patient, which is good. To finish with a birdie is nice.

Q. I was impressed, your drives were really straight and accurate, your iron play was superb today.

BLAYNE BARBER: Yeah, I feel really in control of my game, and you kind of have to be when there's no wind like this. So I think the next two days it's just going to be an advantage moving forward being able to control my ball flight and stuff. Looking forward to a little bit of wind to spread things out a little bit on the leaderboard.

Q. Smaller galleries on the Plantation side, but the Blayne Barber fans were out. I was walking with them and they were making some noise. Relatives of yours, right?

BLAYNE BARBER: Yeah, we had my parents and sister here, my wife was out there and then just some good friends that care about me and wanted to come watch me from my hometown.

Q. That's cool. They could be there if you have something special happen this weekend.

BLAYNE BARBER: Exactly, sounds like a plan.

Q. What do you think, do you feel good about it, are you excited for this weekend?

BLAYNE BARBER: Yeah, it's what you play for. You want to be in position to do this. My game's been good for a while, but I'm still young, still learning everything. You've just got to keep putting yourself in these positions and then get it done sometime.

Q. War Eagle.

BLAYNE BARBER: War Eagle.

Q. Do you have people from Lake City, Alabama?

BLAYNE BARBER: Lake City. I have five or six people from Lake City that came, one from Gainesville. It's only two, two and a half hours, easy to get here.

Q. Is this a golf tournament or a golf course that going back to your SEC days, did you play well there and is this a place you've always expected to play well?

BLAYNE BARBER: Yeah, I think it fits my game well. I think I have a top-5 and a top-10 in SECs, I had a chance to win it one year and I really, yeah, I just like it. I think it fits my game well and I've enjoyed playing this golf course. It's always in great shape.

Q. The SEC, you always played all three rounds at the Seaside?

BLAYNE BARBER: That's correct.

Q. Did you want to come over there and play?

BLAYNE BARBER: I never really thought about it, but then once we came over here and saw it last year, I love the Plantation course. I think it's really good. It's more scoreable, but there's some tricky holes as well. It's in front of you but you still have to hit the shots well.

Q. What's been going well the first two days?

BLAYNE BARBER: My putter, I've made a lot of putts. I've been hitting it well for a while, but converting opportunities just allows you to make more birdies. So I think the putter, my speed control's really good. The greens are perfect, so if you can get a good read on them, your speed's good, you're going to make a lot of putts and I think I've done that so far.

Q. Blayne, do you feel like you're out here to stay?

BLAYNE BARBER: Yeah.

Q. I know you want to, but do you feel like you are --

BLAYNE BARBER: I do, yeah. I don't think I've played up to my potential at all the last two years and I've kept my card the whole time, so I think that's a good building block. I feel like I'm learning. I've learned a lot in my second year so I think I'm ready to go forward and start contending often.