

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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ANDREW PUTNAM (-6)

Q. Andrew, great round, 6 under par, no bogeys, clean card. Your thoughts on the round? You made a nice -- you had four birdies your first nine holes and then picked up another two on the second nine.

ANDREW PUTNAM: Yeah. My front nine I hit it really well, my proximity to the hole was pretty close. Felt like I could have got a couple more there actually. Back nine I didn't hit it as good, hit it in the rough a little bit and it's pretty thick and tough to get out of, but I managed to make pars and no bogeys today, which is great.

Q. I was going to say, 7 and 8 you missed the fairway but able to make up-and-downs, which is key around here.

ANDREW PUTNAM: Yeah, early in the round I didn't get such good lies, but I ended up hitting some great chips, and later in the round I got some good lies in the rough, so I was thankful for that.

Q. I don't know if you knew this, but 7 under is now the new course record. You had a chance if you would have gotten one more. Were you cognizant of that as you came down the stretch here?

ANDREW PUTNAM: I had no idea that was the course record. I knew that Landry closed at 7 under this morning, that's a great round out here, but I think out here just trying to survive and hit it in the fairway, on the green and not do anything silly.

Q. Andrew, I just want to start if we can get some comments on your round.

ANDREW PUTNAM: Yeah, overall I just had a pretty solid round. No bogeys out here is always a great thing. Started off on the front nine, played really well, hit it really close. I didn't capitalize on all my opportunities. Back nine I hit a couple squirrely shots but ended up escaping. Overall, really happy with my round.

Q. Overall, your escape-ability, maybe the fairways not as much as you were looking for. What did you think of your second shots today and your opportunities to score on those second shots?

ANDREW PUTNAM: Yeah, my irons have always been -- I mean, this whole year they've been really good. I was fortunate to have a couple good lies on my second nine coming in so I could advance it. My first nine I had a couple bad lies, so overall I think it was pretty even and happy with how I hit my approach shots today.

Q. What was the turning point for your round in your opinion today?

ANDREW PUTNAM: I don't know if there was a turning point. I think just my first hole, I started off pretty good and kept it going the whole round. Overall, it was a great day.

Q. You were tied 15th at the Zurich, a couple not-so-promising results on your end maybe with Wells Fargo and the Byron Nelson. What maybe turned it around at Ft. Worth and then maybe on to this run?

ANDREW PUTNAM: Honestly, I've been playing good for the last couple months. You can't score your best every single tournament, but I've made six or seven cuts in a row or more, so I would say that's pretty good, a pretty good streak.

Q. Is there something that's attached to that, maybe a swing thought, a mental mindset, something that's been working for these two months in particular?

ANDREW PUTNAM: I try to just clear my head of any thoughts really, kind of have a swing key, I guess, to take the club back, but overall just having a good course strategy and just trusting what I've got.

Q. Your thoughts on 18 and how you were able to recover from that. What did that hole present to you?

ANDREW PUTNAM: Yeah, I missed the fairway about by about two feet and my ball looked like it was in a hole. I tried my best to make contact with the ball and it came out about 60 or 70 yards and hit a great chip. That was probably my best shot of the day.

Q. Your thoughts overall on the course this afternoon with maybe things firming up a little bit?

ANDREW PUTNAM: Yeah, I felt like it played -- the course played really fair and greens got -- they were a little bit softer. On this kind of grass, get a few bumps and cleat marks, so the greens are a little tough to putt, but overall the course is in great shape.