

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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RYAN ARMOUR (-9)

Q. Outstanding round again for you, and I looked at the proximity to the hole today, you weren't first but surprisingly you were second. You were really dialed in there today.

RYAN ARMOUR: I'll tell you what, when I made the turn there, that save I made on 18 was huge to wedge it up there after driving it up against the lip of the bunker, to wedge it in there a couple inches and get out of there with a 4 and keep that no-bogey streak going. Something clicked on that front nine, you know, you hole like a 45-footer on 2 and then all of a sudden the irons get a little crisper and driving feels a little better.

Q. Just the overall temperament out there because 7 under won this golf tournament a year ago. That's not going to be the case this year. What was it like out there as far as the conditions and able to attack certain holes?

RYAN ARMOUR: I think if you get it in the fairway you can attack certain hole locations, but the key for me, you know, and Brian Gay, who I played with, we have to drive it in the fairway because we're not the longest players on Tour. If we hit in the fairway, we can execute our iron shots pretty close to the hole.

Q. In the last group on Saturday, that's kind of cool, right?

RYAN ARMOUR: Oh, yeah. That's why we play, isn't it?

Q. So your thoughts going into the weekend about your game, any maybe little tweaks, improvements that you want to make before tomorrow?

RYAN ARMOUR: Not that I know of. I'm probably going to hit some drivers on the driving range real quick just to wind down the round and then hit a few putts and call it a night.

Q. Great ball-striking today, keep it up on the weekend.

RYAN ARMOUR: Thank you.

Q. We'll take an opening comment from Ryan before the round and then we'll take some questions.

RYAN ARMOUR: Slow start, drove it kind of way right on 10. Didn't make birdie there, but kind of settled down there. I had a great up-and-down on 12, spun it off the false front there and those up-and-downs around here are huge. It kind of keeps the momentum going, kind

of keeps you from going backward.

Then hit it to about a foot or two on 13, so that was good to get a little tap-in birdie. 18 was huge for me because I drove it in the left fairway bunker again and then had to wedge it out, and then wedged it up to a couple inches to again keep that momentum going.

Then I made a bomb on 2, I kind of played it down the rough the whole hole and had 40 feet coming downhill and made it, and you never really think about that.

But then on 4 I hit it up there to tap-in range, which was awesome. 6 was huge, I drove it down in the hazard actually and had to wedge it out and wedged it up there to about nine feet and made the putt for par. 7, I hit 6-iron I believe, 6-iron in there about three feet and made that. And then 9, hit 7-iron in there about six or seven feet and made that little curler left to right down the hill.

Q. How much do you and Brian playing in the same group kind of feed off of each other?

RYAN ARMOUR: Well, I mean, Brian got off to such a hot start, you were just trying to keep up. I don't know, I know he shot 5 or 6 on the front nine maybe, or our front nine, which is the back. It just seemed like he was birdieing every hole. So you were just trying not to fall too far behind him and if you do that, you probably were up near the lead.

Q. I was going to ask you about the course itself. This is your first time playing this tournament at this course.

RYAN ARMOUR: Right.

Q. What do you make of how it plays overall for your game?

RYAN ARMOUR: For me, I have to drive it straight. I mean, I think the way the rough is, it's pretty thick. If I don't drive it in the fairway, I lose out on that extra roll that I get in the fairway. Some of the greens were getting a little purple as the day went on so I think that's what we're looking for, you know, a little more firmness to the greens, that's what everyone keeps saying. But right now it's pretty -- most of the greens are pretty receptive.

Q. Do you expect it to get much tougher with the heat coming in?

RYAN ARMOUR: Depends on if they have to water. I would imagine they've got to put some water on the greens, but who knows. I'm not an agronomist, I just go play.