

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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DAVID HEARN (-6)



Q. Well, David, good start for you. You're hoping for a big week and you got to get off to a good start and you did.

DAVID HEARN: Yeah, absolutely. There's a lot of guy here in my position, we're all trying to do the same thing here. So I can't be more happy with putting in a good solid round like that. I've got three more days, see what I can do.

Q. Your putter got hot today. Of course, the last one was a nice 30-footer to save par, but you've got to be pleased with the putting today?

DAVID HEARN: Yeah, it was really solid. I think I gave myself more good chances for birdie today than I have in a while as well. I think my iron play was better, which then makes your putter look better as well.

Q. You've been out here a long time.

DAVID HEARN: Not that long.

Q. Well, a little while. What is the game plan coming into this week? You don't feel any pressure, do you?

DAVID HEARN: Yeah, fortunately, I haven't been in this spot too many times. No, I don't have a lot of pressure this week. Regardless of what I do this week, I need to play solid going forward. So whether I do it this week, next week, the week after, I'm putting my game back together to where I think I can be competitive for the next couple of years and this week isn't going to have really any overall bearing of where that's at, but it sure would be nice to have a good week this week.

Q. Top-5 finish would change a lot of things?

DAVID HEARN: It would help, it would help a lot.

Q. When you see a 59, how hard is it to go out there -- you don't want to duplicate it, but maybe you do?

DAVID HEARN: You know, honestly, when we saw that early in the round, I think all of us were like, wow, what a great day, what a great round. Hats off to Brandt, he's leading by 5 after one round, or who knows by the end of the day. But that's a once-in-a-lifetime round of golf. And no, I'm not trying to beat him on a day like today.

Q. Were you happy with your round?

DAVID HEARN: Yeah, very happy. Obviously I'm in a position I need to compete this week and I'm off to a good start, so I can't be more happy with the overall result of today's round. And I feel like I've been playing really good golf most of the summer, it's just been close, just haven't made some of those putts kind of like I did on 18 where I kind of got one to sneak in at the end. Overall, very happy with the start.

Q. Early tomorrow, does that give you an advantage tomorrow?

DAVID HEARN: Yeah, we'll see. I think a lot of the really good scores came from the morning today, but that's pretty usual on Thursday, Friday. We'll see what we can do. The greens were perfect this afternoon for an afternoon round, they're going to be better in the morning.