

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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MARCO DAWSON (-10)

Q. An interesting round, Marco. You had a little bit of everything on the scorecard.

MARCO DAWSON: Yeah, I had a three-putt. I drove it good today, and long. Made an eagle on that first par 5, hit a 5-iron in there, but it wasn't one that landed on the -- it had to be running up there, so such a severe downslope. Hit some good iron shots, made some putts. Like I said, the three-putt, missed a two-footer on the 15th hole, just careless. Then bogeyed the next hole and then finished with two birdies. Yeah, made a lot of birdies.

Q. You won a couple times in '15.

MARCO DAWSON: Yeah.

Q. But this year you really played good; you had a second, a couple fourths. What's been good?

MARCO DAWSON: You know, the second half of last year I played well; the first half, not so well. I kind of had a sit-down and thought, you know, what was it that I did well in the first two years. And I played well the first year I played out here. I didn't win, but I played well. I just remember not being so aggressive off the tee and into the pins, you know. After a couple wins, I thought this is going to be not easy, but I'm familiar with it now so I know what to expect. Didn't turn out that way.

So I went back and thought, you know, being a little too aggressive, let's play for more the middle of the greens, away from the pins and away from the bogeys and the doubles. And I started playing better, I started scoring better, not so many as many bogeys. So when you're always putting for birdie or you're always hitting from the fairway, it makes it a lot easier, a lot less stressful.

Q. Let's say -- obviously we don't know how Scott's going to finish, he's 14 right now. When you go into the last round, guy's got three, four shots, do you change your strategy at all? I mean, everyone says you play the golf course, but when a guy's got a bit of an advantage on you, do you play more aggressive?

MARCO DAWSON: I don't think so in the beginning. You know, again, you don't have any control over his game, he doesn't have control over your game, so if he plays great, great. But you just go out and try and play the best you can, stick with what got you there. So you don't want to change your strategy, so to speak. If you're aggressive all week, you don't want to be conservative on Sunday, right?

So I think you just keep on playing the same way you're playing because it's working. So this week I was -- I shot at a few more pins. I was kind of half and half this week. Because the course is softer, ball's not going to run away from you as much so you can afford to hit towards the pin and be a little more aggressive because if you short-side yourself, again, the ball's not going to get away from you on the chip shots so much, because the greens are soft, so you can be a little more aggressive.