

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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DAVID TOMS (-11)

Q. So eight birdies, one eagle, obviously something was working out there today.

DAVID TOMS: Yeah, I just got off to a good start. I hit some close shots and then chipped in for eagle over there on, what is that, 15? Followed it up with a birdie on 16, so I kind of had it going. Anytime you shoot 7 under for the first nine, you feel good about it.

You know, we had to wait about 20 minutes to tee off after we turned because we had to wait on the first group, people everywhere, and then there was an ambulance and all this stuff going on. To be honest, I think just got out of rhythm after having to wait so long. I even went inside, went to the restroom, just hung out as much as I could. Then coming off a hot nine you want to keep going and going and going. Just kind of got out of rhythm.

Hit a couple drives in the rough, so I couldn't really attack the front nine and ended up making a bogey over there midway through my back nine, which is the front.

But I came back right after that and made two birdies in a row right after I made bogey. So I felt like I was playing really well and I needed a good score to have a chance for tomorrow and at least I got myself back into it.

Q. We calculated you were 6 under through five holes, 14 through one, you had it going. Take us back to last year, you had a final round 67, so obviously something you see out here. Is the course just set up well for your game?

DAVID TOMS: I don't know. I had a really good pro-am day. I think I shot 9 under in the pro-am just having fun with my guys, so I knew it was in there. And I actually putted really well so I felt good about that.

Then yesterday, just didn't make anything and hit a couple loose shots. I had a couple three-putts or I would have had 4 or 5 under par. So I knew it was in there and it's just a matter of going out and really executing to hit a couple close that get you going, and then chip one in and maybe a nice putt here or there, that's what you have to do to shoot a really hot round.

There's some great players up there with me right now. I'm sure they'll finish off well and I'll have to play great tomorrow to have a chance, but at least I have one.

Q. The chip, how far was that?

DAVID TOMS: I think I had, I don't know, 37 yards or something like that. So it wasn't just

off the edge, but that was a hole where I could have reached it with a 3-wood, probably hit too far. I took my 5-wood out of the bag this morning to add a wedge, which I hit close about three times. So I had to hit a hybrid and I came up short, but that's the way it goes.

Q. Looking at the forecast tomorrow, if we get a little rain, how does that change your approach?

DAVID TOMS: The greens are pretty soft right now, fairways are still soft, the ball's not chasing out, so if we get some rain, it's not going to be a whole lot different. You just have to pay attention to your speed on the greens if they get wet and also the ball spinning back with short shots.

Q. Did you happen to here the roar?

DAVID TOMS: I did hear that. I was over there trying to make birdie on 8 and kind of messed -- got me out of rhythm over there. I had an easy shot about 50 yards in front of the green, I didn't hit it as close as I should.

But happy for him. I'm sure the people are excited. Anytime he plays great around here, it's good for this tournament.