ROUND 2 INTERVIEW July 24, 2020



MICHAEL THOMPSON (-12)

MICHAEL THOMPSON: I did a really good job keeping my composure and continuing to believe that I'm still playing great golf and just go play smart golf, not make -- compound an error here or there. I did on 12, that was the one kind of hole that I wish I could take back because I was in a perfect position to attack that flag from the fairway, flared it right and then just made bad mistake after bad mistake to make bogey.

It's a good day. It's windy out there, so it's playing tougher than it did yesterday, for sure.

Q. You told me yesterday you were seeing things well, you felt good about your game. How much did that trend continue here in the second round?

MICHAEL THOMPSON: I think my iron play was really good today, I was still seeing shots well, still seeing ball flight. Ball was coming off just the way I kind of pictured. Putts were still rolling really nicely. Like we talked about yesterday, it was perfect greens today. A little bit faster, so you had to give the downhill putts more credit. Overall, it's just kind of a continuation of yesterday. That's kind of the nice thing about the quick turnaround is that you kind of keep the momentum going when you're playing well.

Q. You said "Michael Thompson golf" is the best way for you to have success. Heading into the weekend, certainly in the mix. What are some of the keys for you to continue playing your style of golf?

MICHAEL THOMPSON: Yeah, the big thing is just try not to overpower the golf course, stay within myself, make good, comfortable swings, aggressive swings to good targets, be aggressive to pins when I can, when I have good numbers, and then if I'm kind of in between, then I kind of play away from the hole a little bit.

I think it's just keeping it simple. That's kind of the key to good golf is not getting wrapped up in all the things that are going on around the golf course, it's just going out, playing your own game and like you said, go play Michael Thompson golf and I'll be right there on Sunday.

Q. Different results this year than last year. Is it just the second time around this course or something in your game clicked?

MICHAEL THOMPSON: A little bit of both. I think majority it's something in my game and the belief I have in my swing now. I'm swinging it different than I did last year. I was trying to play draws last year and this year I've gone back to hitting fades. It's what I've always grown up doing, so I feel really comfortable with sightlines and visuals and that sort of thing. Really helps around a golf course like this where you have to be precise off the tee.

Q. You're chasing FedEx points. How much pressure are you feeling?

MICHAEL THOMPSON: A little bit, because I really want to play in the FedExCup. I really want to qualify, but at the same time I know I have a spot, a PGA TOUR card for next year if I don't get inside the 125. So that's a little bit of a comfort knowing that, but at the same time I don't want to be in a position where I'm having to play anytime I can, I want to be able to pick and choose my schedule. So these next three tournaments for me are going to be really important to take advantage of my good play.