ROUND 1 INTERVIEW July 31, 2020

TOMMY ARMOUR, III (-6)



THE MODERATOR: Ground round today.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Thank you.

THE MODERATOR: What was the key to keeping it going like you did?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I just played nicely. Drove it in the fairways, hit some great irons, made some putts. I didn't birdie a par 5 today, which was a little disappointing. But it was a fun round.

THE MODERATOR: What were your expectations coming into this week?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Well, I played a lot of golf in this period where we haven't been playing, and I -- I was looking forward to playing well.

Q. To come out today and play the way that you did -- I know you played here well over the years, but to be the first alternate ending the week, not even guaranteed, how much of it statement do you feel like you made in the first round?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Well, I shot a 6 under, and there's two more rounds left. But I had a good feeling coming here back when I was first hoping that -- I was hoping to get in the tournament. I mean a lot of 50-year-olds and plus, and out of 81 players somebody's going to break down a little bit maybe.

Q. Can you just take us through the whole process of hearing that you were in the tournament, where you were, who told you?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: It was on Monday. And I was just sitting out in the parking lot and they said, you're in the tournament. And I said, cool.

Q. So you did get some practice rounds in?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Oh, yeah, yeah. I came here Monday and --

Q. Was there any key to your round today? Your putter, or --

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Yeah, I just -- I played -- like I said, I played a lot of golf during this break and this pandemic moment, and I wanted to play well, and I prepared to play well.

Q. Is this a course you liked from the past?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I always liked Warwick, yes. I enjoy coming out.

THE MODERATOR: All right. Anything else? Thanks, Tommy.