

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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DOUG BARRON (-6)

Q. Doug, how did it feel to have that kind of round today?

DOUG BARRON: Well, I've been playing good. I actually texted my wife this morning, said it's probably a good week to look out for me. So I was starting to hit it good at the end of last week at Southern Hills. I didn't really like the course last week, but this week is a really nice driving course and the conditions were nice for me. You've got to hit a lot of fairways and I kind of liked it. So it was pretty fun. And I played with two great guys, two buddies of mine.

Q. It's a little bit shorter of a course, but the undulation. How does this course kind of play in your mind? I mean, what stands out about it in comparison to other spots?

DOUG BARRON: Well, you've got to hit the fairway somehow. You've got to find a way to fit your ball in the fairway. As many times -- if you hit 10 or 12 fairways out here, you're doing a really good job, it's just hard to fit your ball in there. So it's a challenging course off the tee. And the greens, there are some tough pin placements. I thought every pin was tucked right today, so I'm a drawer so it was hard to get at a lot of pins. I felt pretty good about my game.

Q. Have you been playing a lot before this?

DOUG BARRON: I've played every event for two years straight, absolutely. I play every week.

Q. How does this compare, stack up with some of the things (inaudible)?

DOUG BARRON: Well, I've been playing good. Except for last week, I've been in the top 10 to 20. I was 5th a couple weeks ago, so I'm playing good golf. Just it's nice to get right in there at the start because now you kind of know what you've got to shoot here for three days. There's 30 guys in contention, so it's kind of nice to be where I am.

Q. Any regrets on 18 there?

DOUG BARRON: No. I hit a good tee ball. I got up there and it didn't draw. I draw the ball, three of us play a draw, and it got up there and went straight and it just kicked right. So there's no regrets, I hit it nice. You saw it, 40 yards from the pin. It just didn't turn left, so I was really happy with the tee ball. I thought I would draw it a little.

Q. Having fans here is pretty fun, too, right?

DOUG BARRON: Absolutely. It's great having the fans back. The fans is what we do. To

me it's easier to focus, it's fun to interact with them and fans are great, absolutely.

Q. How do you keep the momentum going into Round 2 tomorrow?

DOUG BARRON: Well, I mean, Round 1, I mean, I'm playing good golf. I'm trying to go out and do the same thing every day. Today I got on a little roll on the front and hit some really good irons on the back. I don't really have any expectations, I try to win every week. My game's really good right now. I'm pretty confident.