ROUND 1 INTERVIEW JULY 1, 2021



TOM LEWIS (-7)

Q. Bogey-free 7 under par, excellent start. Tom, if we could get some comments.

TOM LEWIS: Yeah, I played well out there today. I drove the ball well. It's kind of easier to hit the fairways because they're plugging, it's got so much water on there. A couple of drives I probably mis-hit a little bit, but they were still in the fairways. I was able to obviously lift it up and place it.

I rolled the ball well. I didn't hole as many putts as I would like. Obviously I didn't birdie enough par 5s in my mind, but to have shot the score I did, I obviously had to do something right and hopefully I can continue to do that the rest of the week.

Q. What is the key when you have delays like you had during the round with just a couple holes left? What's the key there of maintaining a good -- keeping your composure basically?

TOM LEWIS: I don't really know. I think it can go against you and it can help you. You could go out there, play poorly for 16 holes, come back out and then feel great and obviously take a lot of confidence from that. It can also kind of hinder you. You played great for 16 holes like I did and go out and make a couple of mistakes, trying too hard, and before you know it, you're like frustrated with yourself. So if I knew the answer, I'd obviously do that every single time.

Q. Hopefully we're done with the rain, but just talk a little bit about the conditions out there you faced, and then how is the course holding up at this point?

TOM LEWIS: It's very difficult. Hopefully the weather continues to be the way it is right now, which is sunshine, which I think is what we have in the radar, but if it takes any more rain, it's going to be difficult. Those fairways are getting very wet out there to the point where you would have to start to be dropping it in the semi rough. But I think we're going to be okay, so only needs a little bit of sunshine, because it's quite warm out here, and I think it will be absolutely fine.