

DAVIS THOMPSON (-9)

Q. Can you tell us how you got the call that you were in this tournament, sponsor's exemption? What was that like?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, I actually knew pretty early on. I kind of started emailing tournament directors early and I think this tournament was the first to reach out to me and to tell me that I had a spot, and that was back in I think late May. So I knew I was coming here for a while, so it was good for me. Obviously I'm a young pro, so it's great to have some starts out here.

Q. What did you do during the rain delay? You kind of came out and obviously finished off a good round. What did you do during the delay?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Nothing crazy. I mean, I just stretched, stayed loose. First delay I went back out, hit some balls and some putts. I was going back out, then we got called back in. So when I got called back in, I didn't hit any balls, I just hit some putts and stretched. Yeah, nothing crazy.

Q. Is it tough to kind of keep your focus and your game, you know, ready to go when you get called back out there?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah. I mean, especially today during the rain delay, I looked at my phone and some friends were texting me. I just tried to block all that out and focus on finishing strong and I was able to do that today, which was huge. Kind of keep the momentum going into tomorrow.

Q. Last one from me, just PGA TOUR leader, how does that sound?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Sounds good on Sunday. It's only Thursday. I know I've got a long way to go. I'm just going to try to do the same thing tomorrow.

Q. Would you describe yourself as the type, do you go low often or is this your best round? Have you ever shot lower than 63?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, I've shot 61 and 59. You know, honestly, I usually don't go low often. I just feel like I'm a pretty solid player. Today the putter got hot and I just kind of rode that throughout the round.

Q. Where did you shoot 59?

DAVIS THOMPSON: At a place called Sea Palms down in St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Q. Is this the lowest you've shot in a tournament?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Tournament round, yes. I shot 63 twice now in a tournament.

Q. How would you describe -- what's the best part of your game to someone who hasn't seen your game before?

DAVIS THOMPSON: I mean, I thought my attitude was pretty good today. I knew I was leading or close to the lead and I just kept my emotion in check and just focused on my routine and just being present and playing each hole individually.

Q. Did you feel a round like this coming?

DAVIS THOMPSON: I don't know. I mean, you get off to a good start, you kind of ride the wave coming in. I knew I was hitting it good all week. I was close last week and missed the cut, but I just kind of knew that I was close to playing well. Obviously it showed today and hopefully I can do it again the rest of the week.

Q. What club did you hit at 11 when you stiffed it?

DAVIS THOMPSON: That was a 4-iron. Not a lot of 4 irons go to a foot, but I was able to do that on 11 and it was a nice little tap-in.

Q. When you look back, you know, how you've done as a pro or in PGA TOUR events and you look at how you did today, how do you explain that?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Like I said, if the putter gets hot, you can just kind of ride that wave throughout the day. And I was on with my reads today, my caddie did a great job with that. Yeah, I mean, like I said, I knew I was hitting it well and I just committed to every target and just stayed in the moment.

Q. And you mentioned it would mean more to you to be leading on Sunday. To put yourself in a position to do that, what's your mindset going into Friday and hopefully the weekend?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, like I said, I just -- just be present, go through my routines, don't get too high or too low. I've played in a few pro events now, so you've just got to keep your emotions in check. Anything can happen. I know I'm playing well, so I'm just going to have some confidence going into tomorrow and hopefully I can play another good round.

Q. Growing up around the game, who have been some of the big influences on your career?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Man, a lot of people. I would say my dad first of all. I have a great support system. My family, mom and Franny, they've been great. Also, swing coach Erik Eshleman, short game guy Peter Persons. I mean, there's a huge list of people that have impacted me in a great way and I'm just thankful that I have a good support system.

Q. What's the most interesting thing about you outside of golf?

DAVIS THOMPSON: I don't know. I'm a pretty relaxed guy. I love superhero movies if you want to roll with that, love Batman. Man, I'm just a pretty even-keeled guy, nothing crazy about me.

Q. Did you think you could get out onto the top of the leaderboard this soon in your career?

DAVIS THOMPSON: I mean, I knew I had the capability to, but until it's actually happening, you kind of -- you kind of get in that mindset of trying not to let your emotions get too high. I just try to have a good attitude about it and just embrace the moment and I feel like I did a good job of that today.

Q. Did Damon do the chicken dance at all?

DAVIS THOMPSON: He did on No. 7. I caught it out of the corner of my eye. It's pretty funny.

Q. Who's the best Batman?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Christian Bale.