

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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RYAN ARMOUR (-12)



Q. Ryan, 5-under par 67, another nice day. If we can get some comments.

RYAN ARMOUR: Yeah, not the start I wanted with a kind of sloppy bogey on 11, but made a nice birdie at 13 that kind of righted the ship. Then tricky little four-footer on 15 to get me under par for the day. Then hit a lot of quality shots after that, a lot of fairways, a lot of greens, gave myself opportunities to make some putts. I think you've got to keep the gas pedal down here. As we've seen in the past, something in the 20s usually wins, and better keep going.

Q. Having said that, you're 12 under right now at the top of the board. What are you expecting by the end of the day and then what will your mindset be?

RYAN ARMOUR: You know, for me, I can't get out of what I do. I need to hit fairways, I need to hit it on the green and try to make a putt. The second you start getting ahead, like "I need to do this, I need to do that," is when I really screw up. My caddie, Jim, has done a really good job of keeping me grounded and we're working on some things that hopefully pay off.

Q. A little bit about the conditions out there today compared to day one.

RYAN ARMOUR: It was softer today. Definitely that rain yesterday afternoon, the two rain delays we had, I was not getting any bounce on the driver, it was kind of hit and plug, which I would love it if it would bounce a little more, the length I hit it, but I'm still able to get to three of the par 5s, which is good for me. You know, the course is in great shape for the amount of water they've had this week. Greens are good. If we can keep the moisture off the greens, I think we'll have a good weekend.

Q. Do you feel fortunate to have kind of come out and got your round in considering there could be some more rain coming this way?

RYAN ARMOUR: I felt lucky last night. I was one of the last groups to finish before dark. It's always -- I've been doing this 20 years and it's still uneasy to get up and finish a round and start again. It's always a little different. You may have a 6-iron from the middle of the fairway instead of something off a peg. I felt fortunate last night, and today I'm going to make up for some rest that I didn't get last night, hydrate and get ready for the weekend.

Q. What's it like when there's a rain delay and how do you deal with that?

RYAN ARMOUR: For me, I just try and stay loose. I drink a lot of fluids. Make sure, like I

said, make sure you hydrate. The worst thing for me is if I sit too long, so I try and keep moving as much as I can.

Q. You mentioned the bogey on 11. What happened there, and then are there any birdies that really stood out today?

RYAN ARMOUR: On 11, I tried to push 3-wood up there and got it left of the green. Got a little too aggressive with my chip and then kind of hit it over the green. Then kind of the chip, I misjudged the chip coming out and left it about three and a half feet short and missed it. So it was just sloppy. You're trying to be aggressive because you know you've got to make birdies and I just got a little too aggressive on that initial pitch on my third shot that got me behind the hole, over the green. Kind of ticked me off, which might have helped, you know. It was early.

Then the birdie that probably sticks out to me is 13, it just kind of righted the ship for me. Hit a 5-iron in there about 14, 15 feet underneath the hole and center cut it and just kind of righted the ship after 11 not hitting -- not doing to well.

Q. You mentioned that the ball wasn't rolling out?

RYAN ARMOUR: Right.

Q. Were you hitting longer irons or something than you're used to?

RYAN ARMOUR: Yes, definitely. Like for me, without it bouncing, we've noticed on a lot of holes a lot more club than I hit two years ago when I was here. But you adjust. We're pros, we need to adjust.