

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JOSH TEATER (-8)

Q. Josh, bogey-free 5-under 67, excellent play. If we can get some comments.

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, it was a lot less fireworks than yesterday, but getting the start with that eagle on 15 was nice and a few birdies on the front nine, my back nine, but also a couple really great par saves that kept me going. It was mostly a low-stress day compared to yesterday.

Q. Take us through that eagle.

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, hit a great drive and had a perfect 6-iron. It's a green where you can't see, but kind of between the TV tower and the Shotlink tower, you know where the flag is, so we just kind of took it a couple paces left of the TV tower and we had about a 30-footer that found the bottom.

Q. And you mentioned some par saves. Which ones really stand out?

JOSH TEATER: No. 3, I kind of had a funny lie in the rough up off the green and I tried to putt it with a 7-wood and it kind of shot right. Actually broke more right than I thought. Made a nice six- or seven-footer there.

Fourth hole in the left rough, front pin and tried to go with more club and hit it easy, and I did. Had to take the shoe off, get in the water. Made a nice 20-footer there for par. Then I guess 7 out of the bunker, I hit a nice shot there.

Q. Hometown event, do you put a little bit more pressure on yourself not only to make the cut, but now going into the weekend to make a lot of birdies?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, I mean, I'm sure I do. I try not to, but it's probably hard not to. I'm trying to feel like I'm out here playing with my buddies. I told my caddie I was going to try to play like I was going to beat his brains in today. I don't know, I might have got him.

Q. I was going to ask you, the par save on No. 4 where you had to get in the water pretty much, how many times have you taken a shot like that and how difficult of a shot was that for you?

JOSH TEATER: You know, obviously you never practice those, so I looked at it and I thought maybe I don't need to get down in there, but when I did get in there, it gave me a better stance and aiming toward the flag and had a lot of grass behind it. I just had to make sure I gave it enough speed and knock it past the hole and make a 5 at worst. Sometimes

things go your way and there it did.

Q. How comfortable are you going into tomorrow?

JOSH TEATER: I'm good, I feel good about it. As long as we can keep avoiding this shower tonight and hopefully tomorrow, should be a fun weekend.

Q. Feel pretty fortunate not having -- the majority of the group yesterday had to cut out early, play early this morning. Pretty fortunate you didn't have to do that today?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, for sure. When I saw my tee times earlier in the week, I thought I would have been the one on a delay today because today looked like the worst day when I looked like Monday or Tuesday. That changed a little bit, as it always does here. Yeah, I'm fortunate to be able to go home and rest and hopefully get a later tee time tomorrow.

Q. Lastly, I can imagine a better taste in your mouth after this round than yesterday?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, for sure. Wasn't as many birdies and I had one eagle each day, and that's the way golf's supposed to be played. I avoided a big mistake there on 18. Super overcorrection I guess and lucky to have a nice lie over there. I was joking, I didn't make it to The Open Championship, but that was my chance to hit it out of the tall grass, so I did it.