

DOUG BARRON

Q. Nice day.

DOUG BARRON: Thank you.

Q. Another one.

DOUG BARRON: Yeah, another one.

Q. Nice way to finish, too, birdie on 18.

DOUG BARRON: Absolutely, amen.

Q. 3 under today?

DOUG BARRON: Yes.

Q. Just what was working out there for you today?

DOUG BARRON: Well, I got off to a slow start. I parred 1 and 2. I drove it, and I didn't hit the fairway the first three holes. So I was putting myself behind the 8 ball. You got to get off to a good start, and I didn't get off to a good start. Actually, I was one over after three, which is not where you want to start on this golf course. And I made a great birdie on 5. Honestly, I hit a great iron in there. And then I hit the shot of my life at 8, almost made double eagle, and hit a five-footer for eagle. And then just kind of held on the first few holes of the back nine, with -- all the galleries for the legends behind us was kind of crazy. So I parred, and birdied at 11. I made a stupid bogey at 12 after hitting a nice tee ball. And honestly just kind of held on from there and just didn't do anything special and made one -- two birdies coming in after bogeying 12. And hit two really big shots, hit driver/3-wood onto the green to about -- it was like 60 feet, but it was still -- it was a bonus. And the birdie at 18, I hit it right where I wanted. I hit a great wedge shot in.

So I don't -- it was kind of cliché, but I really just hung in there. My goal was to get in that final group. I kind of looked at the board walking up 17, I was like, Here we go again, I got to make a birdie to get into the final group. So at least it wasn't eagle today. I didn't have to -- I had to make eagle three weeks ago. But I knew if I made birdie, it would get me in the final group. So -- and Ken played a great round of golf, so --

Q. Yeah. Talk about the conditions today. It seems like there were lower scores today.

DOUG BARRON: I didn't think the scores were lower. I thought the pins were way harder. Were the scores lower than yesterday?

Q. Yeah, some were. Yep.

DOUG BARRON: Yeah, some were. I didn't see it. I didn't hit it good enough. I guess I made two bogeys and shot about the same score, so I thought the course played harder today. I drove it -- after the third hole, I started driving it better, and put myself in.

But, yeah, I could see where -- I guess Ken, what did he shoot, a 6 under today?

Q. Yeah.

DOUG BARRON: Yeah, it was a hell of a round of golf. 65 is a hell of a round of golf around here, so --

Q. One back.

DOUG BARRON: Yeah, so, I mean, he was out there. He teed off two hours earlier. I saw him teeing off when I was getting out on the -- I usually get there two hours early. So yeah, I could see 6 under. He got -- it started getting firm at the end, though, is what I would tell you, so I thought it played kind of tough, so --

Q. What did you think of the crowds? Some of the best we have seen, right?

DOUG BARRON: Well, this reminds me of Des Moines a lot. Honestly, the whole setting is like Des Moines. I had a good feeling in Des Moines. So, yeah, I think the crowds have been great. There's a lot of drinking going out there, so -- but they're having fun. I mean, that's what we're out here for. So we're entertainers. So I enjoyed my day. I just -- you hate making stupid mistakes. But I did birdie 11 today, so whoo.

Q. Whoo, exactly.

DOUG BARRON: I had fun. That's cool.