

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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DAVIS LOVE III (-4)

Q. Davis, 4 under par on the course you redesigned. How would you assess your round today?

DAVIS LOVE III: It was pretty good. I hit a couple bad 4-irons and missed a couple putts, but also hit a lot of really nice shots and made a few putts. On balance, it's pretty good. Keith Mitchell out there a few holes on the second nine, he goes, "When's the last time you played?" He's like, "You're hitting it actually pretty good."

It was fun. I'm happy with under par. And scores were low today, so 4 under might not be that great, but it's a good start.

Q. You've been around this place long enough to know that when you get weather like this, kind of got to be aggressive. Did you have a mindset -- I know you haven't played in a while, but knowing, hey, the courses are ripe for the taking today?

DAVIS LOVE III: Yeah, I was watching the board, watching all my buddies, and then all of a sudden you see 7 under, like holy cow, we've only played nine holes. You know they're going to go low on a day like this on any golf course no matter where it is. You give guys no wind and good greens, they're going to shoot low scores.

But we know what's coming tomorrow, so yeah, I felt like I was about to lay up on No. 8, my 17th hole on the Plantation course. I said, no, you've got to try to make birdie or eagle, you can't be laying up with 7, 8, 9 unders up there. Yeah, you know you've got to play aggressive and hang on tomorrow.

Q. We ask you this every year, but it's so tough doing double duty playing in the event as well as the host. How have you been kind of able to manage it over these years to be able to do both and obviously playing well today, too?

DAVIS LOVE III: Well, you get used to it. Got an incredible staff that does most of the work. I might stay up later and go to more parties, but they really do most of the work. A great team.

When you see things like the big checks that RSM has through the Birdies Fore Love, when you see the impact we have on communities. William McGirt told me yesterday, he said, "That putting challenge was the best sponsor value event I've ever done." When you hear things like that, it makes it all worth it and I just try to go out -- I got to play with Tyler and Keith Mitchell and we had a lot of fun today.