

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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TOM HOGE (-9)

Q. What's the difference between the two days? If you can give me a comparison to a shot you had yesterday maybe to something you hit today?

TOM HOGE: I don't know what specific shot. I would just say more of the mindset. Yesterday you knew you had to make birdies. We were on our third or fourth hole and 7 under was the lead out there yesterday and you look up today and nobody's really going anywhere, so you knew pars were going to go a long ways. I think just the biggest difference is putting. Out there on the Seaside, very exposed so you have a lot of putts -- if you had a left-to-right breaker with the wind going in the opposite direction was very hard to figure out what the putt was going to do exactly because the wind can grab it pretty good with some of those gusts out there.

Q. Is it hard to make that adjustment sometimes going from whatever you did yesterday to today?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, a little bit. I think it helps with the change of golf courses, kind of change that whole mentality a little bit. I know wind's forecast for the weekend here, so it will be more of the same as today.

Q. Were you sitting watching what Talor had done? What did you think of the round he put up?

TOM HOGE: He played great yesterday and today. He left a few shots out there both rounds and he kind of dragged me along with him there, so it was nice to kind of keep pace.

Q. Do you have an idea whether, I know -- do you think Plantation was harder today?

TOM HOGE: I don't know. We were having that discussion ourselves while we were playing. I'll be curious to see how it shakes out at the end of the day. I felt like Seaside would be the harder golf course today because they're so exposed in the wind, but I think there's a little bit more room to miss some greens out there, you can get up and down.

Q. -- with the tough stretch, 3, 4, 5 with the wind?

TOM HOGE: I would say the first four or five holes were tough. We got lucky because we were off early before the wind really got cranking there, then you had a nice stretch downwind there to end the front nine. Really, the whole back nine other than 15, the par 5, played pretty difficult because there's a lot of crosswinds that were tough to navigate and some tricky tee shots, for sure.

Q. Zach yesterday referred to this tournament as like the last week of school because of the break coming up. Does that require maybe you to push it out of your mind that you've got a month or whatever break coming up?

TOM HOGE: You know what, I've played well last year in Mexico for our last event and I almost feel a little bit more freed up I would say. You don't feel quite the pressure to go out there and practice because you know there's a break coming up. I've just tried to relax and have some fun out there. I've played well these last weeks, so hopefully I can keep it going.

Q. If these conditions kind of keep up reasonably close to today tomorrow, do you think guys who played the Seaside today might have a little bit of an edge tomorrow?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, maybe. It will be a similar wind that we played today. It was the opposite direction from yesterday that the guys had on Seaside, so maybe a little bit of an advantage in having to hit some of those same shots, same ball flight, same sort of stuff will help. At the end of the day you really have to control your golf ball well and shape the shots that you intend to, otherwise that wind just magnifies it and it can get offline pretty fast.

Q. Do you like playing these courses and do you like playing this tournament?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, I love coming here. I feel like my game suits Seaside pretty well. I've really never played that well at Plantation, so yesterday was a nice change for me, but it's always fun. The golf courses are in great shape for us here to end the year and the greens are fast so you have some putts that you have to be careful of.

Q. Do you find yourself, especially on the Seaside from off the green, do you chip with different clubs than maybe you normally would? Instead of a sand wedge, maybe down to an 8-iron?

TOM HOGE: A little bit, not a lot. Occasionally you can bump it into some of the hills and use the ground to help you. Today with the wind as strong as it was, I just tried to miss it into the wind. More than anything, you'd have a pretty straightforward chip coming back into the wind.