

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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ROBERT KARLSSON (-10)

Q. Robert Karlsson, thanks for joining us. Didn't look like the scores were quite as low across the board today. What was going on out there?

ROBERT KARLSSON: It was a windy day, different wind direction as well, but yesterday the course was there for the taking, hardly no breeze at all, greens were perfect, a bit softer than today. So this golf course is not that easy if it's windy. Some of the greens are really tricky and it's not so easy to hit those little areas you need to hit if it's really windy. It's kind of a tricky day out there today.

Q. All told, still got 2 under, a share of the lead going in. What's your mindset right now?

ROBERT KARLSSON: I mean, trying to keep doing what I'm doing, focusing on my golf ball, my own processes out there. Can't worry too much about what is happening around me, it's more than enough to try to find my own golf ball.

Q. And then entering the final pairing, how do you approach that?

ROBERT KARLSSON: Same as -- same, same, same. Can't do anything else. When I hear people say, "Are you going to take it on more," it's like, well, I'm taking on as much as I can." It's like -- because every professional golfer, we're trying to hit the most aggressive shots that we are happy with. If you start to play outside your comfort zone, it's not going to be very good. So I'm definitely going to keep doing what I'm doing and work on my own processes on the golf course and make sure I stay as much as I can in the moment and then we'll add it up tomorrow night.

Q. When the course is playing a little bit tougher like this, does it make you change your game at all, kind of the way you're approaching, less attack maybe?

ROBERT KARLSSON: You have to play with bigger margins for error. It's hard to know exactly where the wind is coming from and some of these greens are really, really sectioned, so if you hit it just a little bit on the wrong side, it can kind of run away 30, 40 feet. I had one today where I thought I hit a good layup shot on hole No. 14, a good wedge, but just trickled in the rough and then from there it was just, I had no chance to get close to the pin. I was lucky to hole a long putt, but if you're on the fairway, you have a chance to control the ball into these small sections and that's kind of what you're trying to do. That's why the golf course is tricky when it's windy.

Q. What was your favorite shot of the day?



ROBERT KARLSSON: Favorite shot of the day, probably the long putt I had on No. 4. No, actually No. 3. I holed a few good putts in the beginning and No. 3 I made a mistake, I didn't see it was one of these little small acorns or something on the green so I had a long, long putt like 70 feet and it hit one of those things on the way, so it came up 18, 20 feet short and I holed the putt. It was really important for the momentum, so it was nice.