

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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DAVID LINGMERTH (-5)



Q. David, nice start.

DAVID LINGMERTH: Yeah, thank you.

Q. At the coldest part of the day, you made more birdies.

DAVID LINGMERTH: Yeah, I got off to a good start scoring wise. Not sure how crisp I was able to be out there to begin with, but I didn't make any mistakes. I never got in trouble there early on and was able to get a few putts to go in. Definitely a nice start considering the conditions we were playing in.

Q. Any particular highlights that stick out?

DAVID LINGMERTH: Well, I thought I hit a pretty good shot on the second hole of the day, but it ended up going a little past and just barely over the green. I kind of got into a little funky situation where I had to kind of use the blade of my wedge to putt it kind of through the rough. I was able to make that one, so that was a nice little bonus. Other than that, I mean, yeah, I did get a long one to go in on that first par 5 as well, which would be number, is that 3?

Q. Four.

DAVID LINGMERTH: Yeah, 4. That was also a little bonus. Other than that, it was pretty solid golf all day. I actually probably almost played better on the back nine, I just gave myself a bunch of chances and wasn't able to convert. You know, it was a clean scorecard and I never really got in any trouble at all, so it was a nice round.

Q. David, how do you think the experience of having to fight back and get your card can help you going forward even though there must have been a couple low points there?

DAVID LINGMERTH: Yeah, yeah, no, it's been some tough moments, just have had to persevere for a while. To be able to get my card and kind of get some I guess new momentum here, kind of feel a little rejuvenated, I could start over again. Yeah, I'm just happy to be back out here and getting starts, and obviously playing a lot better, so hopefully I can put myself in some fun situations in some tournaments moving forward.

Q. And do you ever tell yourself anybody that can stand there late Sunday with a chance to win THE PLAYERS Championship, you're a better player than what the low

point kind of showed, that's something that you can get back to?

DAVID LINGMERTH: I mean, I think so. I'm not -- I'm not 26 anymore or whatever I was back then, 2013, so body-wise things have maybe changed a little bit. But I still think I'm the type of player that can get in those situations and not be afraid. I think I can hang and try to push my limits as far as possible and hopefully that will be good enough to get a couple wins or something like that. That's always the goal. That's what we're working towards.

Q. What got you rejuvenated?

DAVID LINGMERTH: Yeah, just, you know, it's been a long grind. I've struggled with some injuries and things. Then I battled through some confidence problems and I feel like I kind of did the hard work and got back on track here. Then the last little piece that I'm so happy about now is I'm putting way better than I have been during the last probably, you know, three, three years or so. Yeah, it's a good feeling to be back on track again.

Q. How did you fix that?

DAVID LINGMERTH: How did I fix it? I don't know.

Q. Because we would all like to.

DAVID LINGMERTH: Yeah. It's been a lot of trial and error with different methods of putting and just getting my mind right and not putting too much pressure on myself obviously. I feel there's been a lot of pieces of the puzzle that have had to fall in place and right now we're in a great spot.

Q. Are you talking setup or stroke or just mental --

DAVID LINGMERTH: All of the above, all of the above. Yeah, I changed to a little different putting method a few weeks back and it really seems to be working, so hoping to continue.