

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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MARK HENSBY (-6)



Q. All right, Mark, you made quite the move on moving day. What was working for you out there?

MARK HENSBY: I don't know, I just obviously got a good run going towards the end. I hit a really good shot on 17 and made the putt, I think I made a really good putt on 15. So it's a grind, every hole you've got to really hit it in the right spots and you never know what's going to happen out there, that's for sure.

Q. What's been the mindset out there with everyone saying it's such a challenging course? Have you just tried to really be patient with yourself throughout each shot?

MARK HENSBY: Yeah, I think you know you're going to get yourself into some issues out there once in a while. I hit a poor shot on one of the par 3s and thank goodness it was a backstop and I could use it. Sometimes that doesn't happen though. Yeah, I think obviously patience is a big thing. If you're not playing well when you hit it in some certain areas, it's just hard to make pars, that's for sure.

Q. What will be the motivation and the mindset to carry this momentum into tomorrow?

MARK HENSBY: Yeah, I mean obviously I'm close near the lead. Stephen's a great player and there's obviously a lot of good players. It's the sort of course where you could actually play OK and shoot a couple over. I don't think there's really anything, you just try to hit it where you're trying to hit it and make some putts.

Q. Mark, with the way you played last year, what's the mindset going into this year? Are we going to see you more?

MARK HENSBY: Yeah, yeah, for sure. I changed -- I think I put on social media I was going to call it quits last year, but some things changed over Christmas and so I'm going to keep playing as much as I can this year. Probably won't play a whole full schedule, but obviously I'd love to get off to a good start and see where it goes from there.

Q. Anything that you can talk about that changed?

MARK HENSBY: No.

Q. What would a good finish this week mean to you?



MARK HENSBY: Obviously, you know, winning out here, a win anywhere is great. My last win, albeit it wasn't on a PGA TOUR affiliate, I won the Monterey Open a few years ago. These days if you win anywhere it's an accomplishment, I think that everybody's so good now, but obviously anytime you win anywhere it's good satisfaction of all the hard work you put in, for sure.

Q. Would it free up your schedule some to kind of, you know, create your own schedule and whatnot?

MARK HENSBY: Yeah, yeah. I'm not fully exempt out here, so I think that you can pick and choose a little more. I think I'm in on the number next week. But, you know, as I said, the Champions Tour is about -- it's really a second career for a lot of us. I had a decent career on the PGA TOUR, but this kind of gets you going again. You see a lot of your old friends that you played on the Tour with and it definitely gives you a second career so to speak.

