

AdventHealth Championship

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW

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DAVID SKINNS (-10)



Q. David, bogey-free 4 under, especially taking the conditions into account, got to be pretty happy with that, right?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, it was pretty miserable to start out. We got our warmup in with pretty much no rain and then all of a sudden 10 minutes before we teed off it was pretty bad. It was windy, it was raining. And then it rained, yeah, 11 holes straight of rain, which is kind of rare. When you think Midwest in the spring, it's kind of strange.

So we -- we were ready for it, though. We kind of knew that yesterday the forecast was kind of saying that we might have a chance. Yeah, we just hung in there well. My caddie did a great job and yeah, I kept hitting it where I was looking, so that helps.

Q. What are the biggest complications other than the obvious, just downpour, distraction, course conditions? What kind of annoys you the most with playing in the rain?

DAVID SKINNS: It's just keeping things dry. That's why having a good caddie helps a lot. Ray's played, he's got a lot of experience in those type of conditions, so he knows what to do, he knows the order in which to do things and that's something you've got to learn with player and caddie. You've got to have a good order of what you do, otherwise you're going to get all your grips wet. So we kind of had a good system and kept everything dry. It's just a pain holding the umbrella all the time and trying to keep everything dry, but we did a really good job.

Q. You always seem so calm, collected, cool. Do you ever get flustered and frustrated out there?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, I think everyone does. It's taken me, I don't know how many years I've been a pro, but it's taken me almost up to now to learn that. It didn't come easy to me. Sometimes I did get overwhelmed and flustered, but I've done a much better job of keeping it under control and maintaining more of a level and a sense of optimism more than I used to. Yeah, it's something I've had to work really hard on.

Q. In rounds like these when it's just raining and cold and the last thing you want to do is be outside but you are, how do you stay patient and like, you know, hit your shots and stick to your routine when it's incredibly frustrating?



DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, I had a coach in college who kind of took those situations where, you know, maybe some guys don't want to be there, so you've got to take that to your advantage and make it like you really want to be there, I want to play in this. If someone else doesn't want to play in it, I'm already one up.

Yeah, it was what it was. We had to play in it, it wasn't going to stop. Yeah, just kind of tried to embrace it and almost have fun with it, but it's kind of hard to have fun when you're carrying an umbrella trying to keep everything dry. But yeah, we did a decent job.

Q. And did y'all do anything to have fun with it, any games or conversations, or what did you do to keep your mind off it?

DAVID SKINNS: Yeah, just chatting away with Ray a little bit. And I had a really good group, I had Kevin Daugherty and Jimmy Stanger, so we were talking a little bit as well just trying to keep it a little more lighthearted.

