

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JOSH TEATER (-16)



Q. Josh, two back-to-back great days for you. Just kind of walk me through how today was.

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, it was great. Slept in obviously with the late tee time and then perfect weather. Played this course a number of times over the years and just seeing my spots and hitting good shots from the first hole. Made birdie on 10. Even on 11, that bogey, I hit my iron where I wanted, just a little too much club and went over the green. Yeah, I mean, just kind of having fun with the guys really.

Q. This course in particular, is there something you like about it that fits your game?

JOSH TEATER: That's a good question. I don't think over the years I played this course very well. I think maybe I get behind the 8-ball and I know it's a birdie-fest and I start hitting too much club off the tees, get myself in even more trouble. I've been real disciplined to not do that. Like No. 8 back there, it's really enticing to try to push a 3-wood up there and maybe get in the fairway bunker if you push it, now you're in big trouble. I layed back and I was in the rough with a 7-iron but still made a good putt to save par. Things like that I think I've chose to, you know, have a better game plan.

Q. Sixteen under overall. What's been the key for you this week?

JOSH TEATER: Just having fun. You know, hitting shots where you're looking and I think the putter frees it up. I've really taken some extra time with the PC guys, with Johnny and Frank that are here and Andy last week. Or Kyle, sorry, Kyle that was there the last three weeks. That's been a huge plus for this tour and guys like me, for sure.

Q. Leading by three as of now going into tomorrow. Just how does it feel to be in this position going into the weekend?

JOSH TEATER: It's great, that's where we choose to be or where we want to be, I guess. We don't get to choose it, it's what we strive for. Glad to be there and hope to continue to hit one shot at a time the best we can, see where we finish up.

Q. As a big baseball fan, you got to spend time with Ken Griffey Jr. earlier in the week. That's a special start to your week for someone like you. Just kind of tell us about that. Did that at all help you heading into the week?



JOSH TEATER: I mean, it was great. That's one of my childhood heroes, watching him play baseball. To get to spend that time with him was great. He's obviously spent some time around golf and around a TrackMan because he's got me dialed in on those numbers pretty good.

Yeah, it was fun. To see him around in dining and chit chat with him as well, he's super nice. Thank you to him for taking the time.

Q. Josh, a three-shot lead where you are right now. That doesn't guarantee anything, but what does it mean to go into the weekend with a three-shot advantage in a pretty good field?

JOSH TEATER: It means you're where you want to be. I've been way behind many a times, so I'm glad to be ahead this time, thankful to be in that spot. I'm not going to try to change anything that I've done and hope that we can get some of the same results we had the last two days.

Q. Seems like last several weeks you've been playing better.

JOSH TEATER: Yeah.

Q. Have you done something with your game that you feel like has made a big difference?

JOSH TEATER: I really think consistently over this whole year I played pretty solid. I had a couple poor events, I guess maybe Florida and Huntsville I didn't play well, but after that, after the little break, I put some time in with my coach, Matt Killen. We had done good stuff in years past and kind of got back together toward the end of last year and things are paying off.

Q. You know what it's like to win. It's been a long time.

JOSH TEATER: Yeah.

Q. What's the mentality going into a weekend with a lead trying to get back to something you haven't done in 14 years?

JOSH TEATER: Yeah, I mean, this game's tough, you don't win a whole lot. I'm just going to try to do my best and see where it puts me.

I think Scottie Scheffler, he's one of the best in the world and that's what he says to do. I've kind of been following his footsteps a little bit, I think, listening to a lot of what he says and reading and watching some of his rounds. Seems to be helping.

