

COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW

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TIM WIDING (-12)



Q. All right, Tim, bogey-free today, Round 2 in the books. How was it out there?

TIM WIDING: It was awesome, kind of a followup from yesterday. I felt like I was playing really solid and didn't really quite get as many birdies on the back nine, and the bogey on 18 kind of, you know, hit me a little bit. So I came out this morning, really wanted to birdie the first one and keep going. That's what I did. Been hitting it great, and my putting finally the last couple weeks has been starting to make some more putts. Yeah, helps keep the flow going.

Q. Was there anything that you adjusted with putting or just consistency and working on it?

TIM WIDING: I think work a little less on it, honestly. Usually when I struggle with putting I tend to work my ass off. Even in the hotel room, spend an hour, two hours trying to figure out. For me, just kind of go back to the basics and just practice the way I play tournaments and not worry about it too much, just let it happen.

It was also nice having a break last week. I took last week off and kind of had the same thing after Colombia after the five-week stretch. I was home practicing, playing with my friends and just enjoying life. So it's nice being home seeing my fiancée and friends. Yeah, I feel like that helped.

Q. After the rain last night was there any changes in course condition or how it played compared to yesterday?

TIM WIDING: It was definitely the first couple holes were a little softer. I had a few where the ball's pretty wet, but especially the first hole. Like that pin location is usually really tough to get to, but from the rough I was able to get some spin. So I feel like the first couple holes were definitely a little easier, but it firmed up again.

Q. I hear a lot of guys like this course. Can you attest to that? What are your thoughts on that?

TIM WIDING: It's awesome. It's very straightforward, but the bunkers are placed in great spots so kind of decide if you hit driver or 3-wood. You know, 3-wood leaves yourself a little longer in, but driver's a little tighter. This rough, too, you've got to be careful, there's a lot of flyers, don't get a lot of spin and some tucked pins out there you can't really go for. It's an



awesome layout, really enjoying the course.

Q. How would you assess your rookie season here on the Korn Ferry Tour?

TIM WIDING: Yeah, got off to a good start making cuts, and had those two top-10s pretty early on. I feel like I was, you know, kind of -- in the beginning it's hard to kind of feel like you belong and kind of took me a little while to like, OK, this is where I belong now, Korn Ferry Tour and eventually PGA TOUR.

But kind of struggling the last couple weeks I would say, playing good but missing the cut by one, that kind of stuff. Feel like I've been playing great. I know my game's good enough to be out here. So if my putter can get hot, you know, during the week, I feel like I can definitely be a contender.

Q. And how does it feel to be in contention heading into the weekend?

TIM WIDING: Yeah, it's going to feel great. It's kind of new for me. I mean, Chile I finished third and I was kind of in contention there. Just proves that I'm doing something right. I'm just going to try and enjoy it, play it the way I have now and just don't put any stress on myself and take good targets and commit to them.

Q. What about this weather? I mean, some guys are going to have to carry their rounds into tomorrow, you get to go home, rest up, get ready for Round 3. How much does that really benefit?

TIM WIDING: Yeah, I saw the tee time at 6:40 and I was like coming from California, two-hour time difference and already struggle waking up in the mornings. I was able to get into bed before 10:00 yesterday, actually felt pretty good waking up, and now finishing before noon, it's pretty great. Yeah, I'm pretty happy with the draw.

Q. Get to enjoy the storm from the comfort of your hotel room, not out here, right?

TIM WIDING: Yeah.

