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ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE July 28, 2023

THOMAS WALSH (-12)



Q. Great round and tied at the top of the board. What were the highlights of the round today would you say?

THOMAS WALSH: Yeah, I'm putting well again like last week. I've kind of carried that over. My caddie thinks I hit it better than I did. I wasn't too pleased with it, but he loved it. I made one really stupid double, I kind of got in a tough spot and judged it wrong and went sideways. I'm just giving myself a lot of chances and the putter feels pretty solid.

Q. What's it been like to start the year kind of struggling and now you've really, really found something the last few weeks?

THOMAS WALSH: Yeah, I mean, I played really well in the beginning of the year, I think I had five top-25s in the first 10, 12 events. But yeah, I hit a stretch there in the middle that wasn't great, I got a little sideways. I got a little wrist injury in Chile and then once I got a cortisone shot, I kind of got on the other side of it and things have been pretty good.

Q. What was the most frustrating part about that stretch in the middle of the year where it just wasn't a good time?

THOMAS WALSH: That I needed to practice more, but I had some pretty serious wrist pain that kept me from practicing. I actually asked Brad about a medical and they basically told me that I needed to play better last year.

I got the cortisone shot, a lot of help from doctors in Jacksonville and they kind of got me on the other side of it. Knock on wood, I haven't had a flare-up again.

Q. Going into the weekend in contention again, did you take anything like big away from last week that you're going to apply this weekend?

THOMAS WALSH: Yeah, I think that I found out that the moment didn't bother me. You know, my swing got a little sideways on me the last nine holes, but I held it together well and I putted well under pressure. I gave myself a birdie look until the second last (inaudible) so I think I enjoy the moment. It's a lot more fun being there, but I'm ready for it, looking for a good weekend.

Q. What's the most exciting part about it?



THOMAS WALSH: Last week?

Q. Yeah.

THOMAS WALSH: Going from 68th to 40th in the points list. I mean, also just my caddie kind of stuck through four tough weeks and we kind of grinded through. It was good to see our hard work pay off and everyone get a little reward for that.

Q. Now that you're firmly like kind of in the mix for the top-30, are you going to check it like every week or are you going to avoid it as much as you can?

THOMAS WALSH: No, I've got too much going on in my life, I don't care about that. I'm just trying to play good golf and see what happens.

Q. What's the exciting stuff you've got going on with your life? Are you comfortable?

THOMAS WALSH: Yeah, I'm just enjoying life right now. It's just fun. My wife's coming to a tournament or two. She's not a big fan of golf, so it's nice to have her come out. Haven't made a cut with her out yet though. She's coming next week to Utah, so don't bet on me, but it should be fun. It's fun to have her out.

Q. How did you and your wife hit it off if she's not really a golf person?

THOMAS WALSH: I like that. I kind of grew up like golf was a ridiculous focus of my life and now I like that I completely just get away from it. And I play, I don't really care anymore and I just go live a normal life, because this is pretty tough.

Q. What's she into that she sort of gets you out of your comfort zone doing?

THOMAS WALSH: Hiking, but obviously I don't hike. She likes to go to Target, get on the Peloton, I don't know. None of which I like, so I just do whatever she tells me to do.

Q. And then what would you say that you're most looking forward to this weekend?

THOMAS WALSH: Yeah, just being in contention again and giving myself a chance and see how it stacks up. I'm going to go put in some work and see if I can get things tightened up a little, but give myself another chance. Just got to keep giving them and eventually I'll knock on that door.