

## ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES September 16, 2023

### DAVID TOMS ( -11)



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**Q. David, thank you for joining us. Currently co-leader. What was going well for you in today's round?**

**DAVID TOMS:** Well, I birdied 1 so I got off to a good start. Then the rest of the front nine was -- didn't get the ball close to the hole. I three-putted 7.

But then I birdied 9, so I kind of got things going a little bit. Then I had a nice stretch on the back nine. I think I birdied three in a row on the back, so had a lot of good looks the last ten or eleven holes.

You know, I made my share of them. Hit some good putts that didn't go in, but I needed my whole back nine -- I just needed to get closer to the lead. I was kind of falling back and had a little stretch of three holes on the back got me back where I need to be to have a chance tomorrow.

**Q. You won in Tucson this year, Palm Springs. What do you like about this course?**

**DAVID TOMS:** I've just enjoyed the week. We went out and pheasant hunted early in the week and spent some time with some good buddies and got hunt a little bit, which was fun.

And I like this golf course. Got to pay attention to what you're doing out there. When you get some of crosswinds it's hard to get ball in the fairway, and then the greens can be pretty trick. It sets up well for me. It's not overly long. It's been fairly firm. It softened up a little bit with the rain, but for the most part the golf ball is still going far enough for me to compete.

**Q. Mindset for tomorrow?**

**DAVID TOMS:** Just have to play well. I looked up there and there are a lot of guys that will be within a few shots of the lead, and guys that might tee off hour and a half earlier than the leaders. Got to go out there and play really well. Depending on what the wind does tomorrow, if it lays down a little bit it'll be a shootout and a lot of fun for the fans.

**Q. When you're in that position do you pay attention to the leaderboard or just play golf?**

**DAVID TOMS:** Well, only think I paid attention to is the fact that I was falling behind. And I needed to get close for the lead. Whether I was leading or not I wanted to get within striking distance. So I got myself back into good position.