

PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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THOMAS BJØRN (-7)

Q. Thomas, an opening 65 here at Wakonda Club, just some general comments on your round.

THOMAS BJØRN: Yeah, I got a bit of an iffy start, to be honest. Holed a nice putt on 5 for eagle, and took advantage of the 5s today and I think I played them in 5 under and that kind of sets you up for a nice day around here. I don't think it's particularly -- the scoring's pretty good. It's pretty firm, but there's still a few tricky holes out there, a lot of bouncing around with the ball. You've just got to be a bit smart with what you do. Yeah, taking advantage of those 5s today was a big thing for me.

Q. Four under on the back nine, just what did you feel was working on those last nine and throughout your entire day?

THOMAS BJØRN: I just hit really good second shots into the 5s. Like I pretty much holed a putt there on 5 and, you know, very close to the green on the rest of them, and also on 18 I was just on the front edge of the green.

That's what this golf course does, if you drive it well on the right holes it gives you some good opportunities. I just kind of -- it was a simple, simple way of playing this golf course, but well knowing that two days (indiscernible). So tomorrow's going to be a different day.

But happy just with the way it worked out today. I think after last week, trying to catch up on some energy this week. It was a tough week last week for most guys, it was a tough golf course, it was a tough walk, it was -- so there was a lot of things in that week that you need to catch up this week and I've done that well. So I'm going into the weekend in a nice place, but we still need to play some good golf.

Q. Is the key around here taking care of the par 5s?

THOMAS BJØRN: Yeah, they really do offer you great opportunities, these 5s. If you can get it off the tee there you can pretty much reach all of them, just get yourself in good positions there. That is -- because the 4s here, yeah, I mean, obviously you can make a birdie on any hole, but the 5s are the key to a successful score around here.

Q. What's that like on 18 where you can finish with a birdie and also just the grandstands there?



THOMAS BJØRN: It was nice. This event is great, you know. It was voted the best event of the year last year. They do a fantastic job here. On the right holes you feel like kind of space around you with the crowds. It's a really well run event where you feel the people out there and it's a good event to come and play.

