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ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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DOUG BARRON (-7)

Q. All right, joined by our 2019 champion, Doug Barron. Just assess your round today. Obviously you're no stranger to this golf course. What was working?

DOUG BARRON: Everything was working pretty good. I decided to hit driver off the first hole and I hit it about a foot in the rough and I holed it out for eagle from like 40 yards, so that was cool.

Then I birdied 2. I didn't birdie 3 or 5. Oh, I did birdie 5, yeah. And I bogeyed 6 with a sand wedge in. Besides that, I played a flawless round of golf without birdieing 6 or 7 or 8 either. Played great today.

The course was a little softer than I'm used to seeing. I never looked at the scoreboard really, but I know if I shoot 6, 7 every day, it's tough to beat you out there. So I didn't really look at the scoreboard, I just thought about what's the best Doug Barron can do, that's all I ever think about. I don't really compare myself to everybody else.

So I'm driving it good, I'm hitting my irons good and I've got my putter that's won a major and I won this tournament with it, so I'm putting with it this week. Made a few putts today. Even though I left a few little putts out there today, I missed a few short birdie putts too, I got zero complaints as far as score when you look back, but I did leave a few out there, which is cool, that's always good.

Q. What does this do for your confidence heading into the weekend just knowing how well you're playing?

DOUG BARRON: I know how to win here, and I finished in the top-10 on the PGA TOUR here a few times, and I finished eighth last year I think. I know what I need to shoot.

We don't know what the weekend's going to be because it could be crazy weather. We could be playing early early tomorrow off both tees and we could be doing that on Sunday. So I just know I have a mentality of if you just shoot 3 under a nine, they really can't catch you. That's kind of what I have in my brain. And if you're not 3 under, you just don't panic and do the best you can.

Q. Had a shot on 17 for a birdie that you just left a little bit short but then bounced back on 18. What was the thought process as you went from the 17th green to the 18th green?



DOUG BARRON: Well, I thought that putt on 17 was the same putt I made to win in '19, so I thought I had to go left and I played it right edge and it went right. So obviously it was four feet farther left. I didn't have my old score -- old pin placement in there. But I hit a perfect putt for what I thought. And the putt I made in '19 went left and I made it and that sealed the deal basically. But today I hit a 10 on putts, I didn't really think anything about it, and I crushed the drive on 18, I mean I had L wedge in, that was pretty cool.

Q. How did it feel to start the day and your weekend off with an eagle?

DOUG BARRON: Well, that was really cool. I was going to hit hybrid off the first hole but the wind was laying down and I said the pin's in front and I'm driving it really good this week, and I asked my caddie, I said, do you have any problem if I hit driver, because I thought if I did pull it, the rough would stop it and I didn't think I'd reach the water. He said, go for it, because in 2019 I was so nervous teeing off on the last day, the only club I thought I could get in play was driver. So I hit driver and I hit it down there the same -- I hit it in the fairway. So I went ahead and just hit driver.

I feel comfortable with driver on that hole so I'll probably hit driver one or two more times depending on where the pin is. Usually when the pin's up front, I'll lay up, but I just had a feeling driver was the club today because I'm driving it really nice, so it was cool.

