

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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DAVIS THOMPSON (-13)



Q. Davis, 5-under 65, if we can get some comments on your round.

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah. Kind of got off to a slow start and then, you know, making an albatross usually helps get things going.

Finished off the front nine great. Then finished off the front nine and kept it rolling into 10. Then just kind of got stuck in neutral the last few holes. My driver cracked, so I was trying to deal with that. Yeah, hit some good putts on the back nine, they just didn't drop.

In a good spot for tomorrow. Just excited about the challenge tomorrow.

Q. (No microphone.)

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, I knew it went in, so nice to be 3 under through five.

Q. Have you had an albatross in your golfing career?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, it's my second one. Other one was at Bay Hill, not in a Tour round but it was in the Palmer Cup on No. 16. Yeah, I've had two pretty good ones.

Q. Do they have video of that one?

DAVIS THOMPSON: No, no.

Q. So, you're 0-2?

DAVIS THOMPSON: 0-2 unfortunately.

Q. What happened when your driver cracked? Is that a panic moment?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Not really because like on 15 I knew that I could either hit 3-wood or drive, it's kind of an in between hole for me. But when I got to 15 tee, it was into the wind, so I wasn't too fired up to hit 3-wood there.

Yeah, you just have to deal with it. I mean, I hit a really good one on 10 and then OK one on 11. I looked down on 14 tee and noticed it. I figured since I just hit one really good off 10, it wouldn't really bother me. You know, I feel like I made a pretty good swing on 14 and it started going way right, so it's not ideal.



Yeah, we're going to go hit some. Hopefully it's dialed in and see how it goes tomorrow.

Q. (Inaudible) use tomorrow?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah.

Q. Did you use it on 18?

DAVIS THOMPSON: I did, yeah. One swing with it. I don't know, but I got a good break so maybe that's something.

Q. That was the first time -- that was fresh out of the package?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah.

Q. Albatross don't get the love maybe of a hole-in-one, but how does that compare to you? I mean, which one is more exciting?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Holes-in-one are more exciting, but at the end of the day 3 under's better than 2 under so I'll take the albatross any day of the week.

Q. Davis, how important is tomorrow's round for you and what is your mindset in terms of the implications for the Playoffs?

DAVIS THOMPSON: I think the mindset is try to go win the golf tournament. It's hard not to think about it. It's a mental battle not to think about it. It's my fourth year on Tour and two of the three years I've been right on the bubble, so I've got experience with it. Hopefully I can draw on those experiences and just go execute good golf shots and just commit to my reads and just really be mentally tough out there.

Q. What's the lesson I guess from those experiences that you have had?

DAVIS THOMPSON: I mean, like last year I came up one shot short, my rookie year I came up two or three shots short. I mean, the lesson is just to honestly not look at leaderboards, focus on trying to win the actual golf tournament, not try to just make the Playoffs. Like obviously I'm two shots back right now so I'm in a good spot to try to go win this thing tomorrow.

Q. I know the goalposts move, top-70, top-100, things like that. Did it take you a while to get over the sting of just missing out?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, it sucks. I mean, it sucks. And this year, like I've played not great all year but these last three weeks I've given myself a chance. So, I'm really proud of that fact, made it this far. Really just want to put an exclamation point and either play my way into the Playoffs or win this tournament.

