## ROUND 2 INTERVIEW August 4, 2018

#### TIM PETROVIC (-9)



## Q. Let's have maybe a few words about the round. A good way to come back here on a Saturday.

**TIM PETROVIC:** Yeah. We got some rain and wasn't quite sure how bad it was going to get, but just actually hit a couple drivers into the rain 240, 245 today. I hit a couple drivers 300, so that gives you an idea of how the holes are playing into the rain or downwind.

Missed a couple short par putts, you know. I didn't want to make it a perfect day, but the golfing gods wouldn't do that to you. Only once in a while they let you have that perfect day.

## Q. How about some of the birdies, did you make any good putts or long putts or anything like that?

**TIM PETROVIC:** Yeah. I eagled the first par 5 on the front.

#### Q. Hole 6?

**TIM PETROVIC:** No. 3. That got me going. I reached the green there and made about a 60-footer, 50-footer and that kind of got me going, because I missed a couple makeable ones on the first two holes and I was kind of kicking myself, so that kind of got me going.

### Q. How has this tour been for you? You're a guy that had to keep your card --

**TIM PETROVIC:** This year it's been great. A couple runner-ups in the majors. This is my first full season, I only played 14 last year. They changed a few -- they changed a few qualification things last year so I was kind of the guy on the (inaudible) every week. It's been great. The cool thing about this tour is I get to play with guys, since I was a late bloomer on the Tour -- I didn't get my card until I was like 34, 35 -- I get to play with guys that I never got to play with before. Like Scott, never really got to play with him. I think a year or so ago I played with Gil Morgan, Hale.

### Q. What did you do in the meantime while you were waiting to get on Tour?

**TIM PETROVIC:** Trying to get on Tour? Working every job that you can think of. Are we going to go through this again? Do you guys read the media?

Selling car phones, working at the Y, making pizzas, I did just about everything. Delivering newspapers. I did that, and believe me, that's one of the hardest jobs you can ever do. I was in Connecticut in the winter. I know you guys are a little bit colder up here in the winter,

but it's not easy delivering in the papers in the morning when it's about five degrees out.

## Q. So again, just to be out here, are you more comfortable out here since you're playing well? Is it a comfort thing or what is it about just playing better?

**TIM PETROVIC:** I think I've kind of settled in a little bit. I had a couple years there where -- 2015 I had a couple years to wait around and I wasn't really playing that good. I lost in a playoff in Puerto Rico. That would have been big. Other than that, I really wasn't playing that well, I wasn't sure what to expect. Guys out here have been really good and basically told me that there's no rules out here, just guidelines. Tried to put me at ease when I got out here.

### Q. The course took on some rain last night. Did it hold up pretty well for you out there?

**TIM PETROVIC:** Yeah. We could have played the ball down. We played it up. They were a little cautious about it because I don't think they knew how much more rain we were going to get. But the course drains really good, no problems there whatsoever.

#### Q. You've got a mixed bag of clubs, Vertical Groove driver now?

**TIM PETROVIC:** Used that all year. The Exotic woods and I've got Honma irons and wedges and Argolf putter. We're all like that, nobody's like TaylorMade through the bag, especially now out here. Guys are playing their favorite clubs. You go look at Bernhard's bag, up until a month ago he had a 4-iron in there that looked like he tied it to the back bumper and brought it here. It was all rusted, it was like a rusted Hogan 4-iron. Just crazy.

# Q. Do you go in tomorrow with the mindset that you basically got to do what you did today? How do you look at tomorrow?

**TIM PETROVIC:** Just give yourself opportunities. If I can give myself a lot of putts at it, I think I'm going to make my share. I think that's one of the things I've been doing this year, I'm not really putting pressure on myself or expectations on a round, just go play. It sounds easy, but it's like one of the hardest things to do is just go out and play. What did I say at the PGA? "Try not to try." What are you going to do Sunday? I'm going to try not to try. It's the hardest thing to do ever. That week I got -- I was really relaxed, I was even keel, I wasn't excited, I wasn't too down and I didn't really expect much. We just got back from the British Open, everybody's jet lagged and I'm just trying to get my legs back under me, so I wasn't really expecting too much. I'm pretty happy considering where I stand right now.