

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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DAVID TOMS (-8)

DAVID TOMS: It was a little tougher today actually with some of the mud we had on the ball. Hit some funny shots from the fairway trying to get it close. But a couple times when I did hit bad shots, I recovered well and had a really solid day.

Q. You played it down today?

DAVID TOMS: Yeah, we played it down today. At least I did, I don't know about the rest of them.

Q. As far as this kind of leaderboard, I mean this is pretty typical, isn't it? There's usually six, seven, eight guys all --

DAVID TOMS: Yes, it is, you're right. Unless somebody gets really hot, it's like this every week. So you just have to go play great on Sunday and hope you have a chance in the end.

Q. What do you look for out of this round going into tomorrow that tells you that, you know, maybe another opportunity for you here?

DAVID TOMS: Well, just the fact I can shoot a good score on the golf course. It's my first year here and yesterday I just kind of felt my way into the day and never really got anything going at all, although I felt like I played okay. And then today, to be able to really get it going on the back side, hit a couple shots close to the hole and made a couple nice putts and just had a real solid day.

Q. You're in the same class coming out that Jerry and Steve were in. Has this fulfilled your expectations of what you expected with the transition to the PGA TOUR Champions and have you been happy with the way you've played?

DAVID TOMS: You know, been happy with the way I've played at times and then other times I just haven't really put it all together for three or four rounds sometimes. I've been close a few times, which we're all out here trying to win, but at the same time you want to have fun and not put too much pressure on yourself. You know, if you ever go into an event thinking that you have to win or you play to win, it seems like it never happens. It's more about just going and doing the routine every day and every week, preparing the best I can, and hopefully one of these days it will happen. If not, I just move on to the next week and try to stay positive.

Q. I'm not looking for a number, but tomorrow, what kind of mentality does one have

to use to be -- to not get lapped, to not fall behind, to make sure you're in the conversation on the back nine?

DAVID TOMS: Well, you've got to figure that you've got to obviously get off to a decent start, but you need to shoot under par every nine. Hopefully, if you can get one of those that are 3, 4, 5 under par on one of the nines, that helps a lot. A lot of birdie holes, even though some of the pins were tough today. Keep the ball in the fairway obviously is a big deal because the rough is penal, and obviously try to get the putter going. That's what it's all about. That was the difference between my round and the guys I played with today is I happened to hole a few more putts and that was the difference.

Q. Have you ever been in a position here in the first year and a half that, you know, you thought, man, this is my week and like when you're on that final day and all of a sudden get done and someone goes really low and you go, where did that come from, that kind of thing?

DAVID TOMS: Well, that happens all the time obviously. Even when you're playing good, you can't control what anybody else is doing. So I just go out there, I'll focus on what I'm doing tomorrow and hopefully shoot another really solid round like I did today and see where it stacks up.