

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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MARK CALCAVECCHIA
WOODY AUSTIN (-7)



Q. Other than the weather, what did you guys think of the round today?

WOODY AUSTIN: It was pretty good. The golf course is in pretty good shape and we did what we're supposed to do, we ham-and-egged it. Would have liked to have had maybe one or two more, but as difficult as it was the first nine holes, I think we did what we wanted to do and that was shoot a decent score.

Q. And on the back nine, I think this has you guys with three birdies, I'm not sure if there was four, but what did you guys do well on that second nine?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Yeah, Woody was solid all day long. I lost a few balls, but we did kind of ham-and-egg it. I lucked in a few birdies on the back, but it was tough, tough conditions. Even when it warmed up a little bit, it was still tough to make birdies out there. All in all, 7 under's a pretty good start.

Q. You guys have to be pretty happy with that score going into the clubhouse?

WOODY AUSTIN: No question about it. If you had told us that when we first teed off, that would have been -- you know, I was looking on good conditions I figured 8 and 9, so to shoot 7 in a really cold front nine was just fine.

Q. And what do you guys think for the rest of the tournament, obviously a fun format coming up, going to split some courses the next couple days?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Yeah, now we're down to the par 3s, we're kind of all over the place. It's hard to tell kind of where you stand really until everybody gets back to Top of the Rock on Sunday. Just try to hit a lot of good iron shots and make as many putts as you can and see where you're at on Sunday.

Q. Yeah, because obviously half the course will have 13, half will have 18 tomorrow. You guys just kind of have to focus on yourselves?

WOODY AUSTIN: Again, it's kind of one of those goofy formats. I would say for us, I think we would rather play more of this golf course. It would suit us better to not have just all iron shots because then it becomes a lot more of a putting contest, which we both don't like.

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Right.

WOODY AUSTIN: But again, we got off to a decent start today. Like you said, we've got to hit a lot of good quality iron shots to give ourselves as many putts as possible.

Q. How does this course rate among other ones you've played at on the tour?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: You certainly wouldn't want to walk it on a regular basis. It's a good golf course, a lot of tough holes out there. Not real tough off the tee, but it's a good second shot course and the greens are fairly slopy. So all in all, there's a lot of danger out there, it's a good golf course.