

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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DAVID TOMS -11
STEVE FLESCH



Q. Doing pretty well today. Talk to me about the round and your experience so far here at Legends.

DAVID TOMS: Well, it's fine. I think starting the day, you shoot 5-under par, we probably would have taken that. I knew there would be some interesting pins out there today on top of this mountain here, and certainly there were.

We had our good moments and we had our other times where we struggled, and I think a lot of that has to do with the wind and the elevation change and the fact that we never played here other than Pro-Am day, and it was brutal up here those days, so we didn't know the golf course very well.

STEVE FLESCH: I echo what D.T. said. He hit well and played a lot of great shots, but it's tricky out there, too. Holes were on the same side as the wind is coming from, so it's hard to get close to the hole, and like David said, it's a tough golf course, a lot of wind. It's tricky, it's a lot of fun at times, but you've got to pay attention to what's going on out there, and I'm pleased with 5-under. David did most of the work today, but it was fun watching and we're in good shape heading into the weekend.

Q. What about the course itself, wind notwithstanding, I think that's going to be constant up here, right? But in terms of the layout and the uniqueness of it.

DAVID TOMS: I think, first of all, you're looking at a lot of the future of golf, par 3 courses where people can get and play golf, have an experience in a couple hours, rather than being there all day long, and I think you will see more of that. I think it's a great little designed golf course, beautiful views. It's tough for us to really look around and enjoy the scenery when you're out there grinding in a golf tournament, but for people up here playing, what a fabulous spot to come spend a couple of hours.

STEVE FLESCH: I look at it, too, it's great for kids. I think kids --

Q. Hold on. Let's wait seconds, let that sucker go by. Of course I had to point it up. There is an airport over there. I think that's better. Impressions of the course and then talk about bringing families.

STEVE FLESCH: This kind of a course, as David said, you can play it in under a couple of hours, but I think for kids just starting the game this is fantastic. They don't need to play a regulation size golf course. Short course, you can roll the ball all the way around here if you want, and I think they will have fun. It's a great place to learn the game because they have a chance of hitting it on the green, and they don't have to

execute water hazards and whatnot.

They can roll the ball down the green and have fun putting, maybe make a par or birdies and lifts their spirits and it tries to get them more involved in the game.

Q. In terms of the variety of courses, obviously playing Top of the Rock tomorrow, and this one and Buffalo Ridge and more coming. Talk to me about that in terms of a synergy happening here at Big Cedar.

DAVID TOMS: I'm from Shreveport, Louisiana, which is not too far away. I've got a lot of friends that have come up here and brought their families to the lake and spent some time, and with more available to them it's a great family vacation. Golf and other things for families to do. To me, certainly a test nation place and a beautiful part of the country.

STEVE FLESCH: Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Crenshaw, now Tiger Woods designing golf courses. I think it's a destination where guys can come up here and hang out for a few days, hang out at Big Cedar Lodge, do some fishing and shooting, come over here and play some golf. I think the Branson area has a lot to offer, and it's going to be a destination where guys can come do their golf tournaments and do hunting and fishing in the afternoon, and like David said, families can do it all, too, so it's going to be a nice destination for families who love the outdoors.

Q. Going to the Top of the Rock tomorrow. Do you feel good you will be able to settle in same golf course two days in a row, same format, rotation?

DAVID TOMS: Yeah and the golf course is a little more familiar. Today I thought was very tough in this wind. Luckily the sun was shining, so we didn't have to deal with the rain as well. It will be nice to play the game golf course couple days in a row. Obviously we have a different format with alternate shot format, and I'm hoping we gel well with that, get off to a good start and get rolling.

We will see. Steve played well yesterday, I played solid today, and it's going to take both of us in the end playing well to have a chance. So hopefully we can go over there and get on that golf course and start hitting good shots, making putts and coming together as a team and playing great.

Q. Steve, you're coming off your first win last week. Do you feel like this is a carryover from the success you had in Atlanta?

STEVE FLESCH: Yeah. The team format is quite different. Being on new golf courses is, you know, kind of -- it's unsettling at times because you don't know exactly where you're going. I love team golf. I think it's fun. It's a dynamic that we're not used to playing. Once a year it's pretty different, but I think being in a familiar place, Top of the Rock tomorrow, we will know a little more about the golf course, but today was difficult.

The winds were tricky, and yesterday was cold and windy. I think we can look forward to similar conditions on the weekend but David is playing beautifully, and I'm obviously coming off a lot of confidence after last week, so I look forward to the weekend for us.