

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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GENE SAUERS (-11)

Q. You shot up the leaderboard today. Talk about the second round.

GENE SAUERS: Well, kind of. I got off to a hot start, I birdied 1, hit it in there about two feet. Then I chipped in on the third hole out of the bunker, which kept me going. I made a good putt on 7. I almost made a hole-in-one on -- well, 7 I almost made a hole-in-one. Made a good putt on 6. Then I kind of just slowed up a little bit, kind of put the brakes on for some reason. Just the putting, I've got to get more confident in my putting. If I can do that, I'll be right there on Sunday.

Q. Just your assessment of the course itself and what are you expecting over the next two days?

GENE SAUERS: Pretty much the same. I guess we might get rain this afternoon. The rain, Billy Ray and I were just talking about it, can kind of lengthen the golf course a little bit, which might play a little better for me, but who knows. It's in great shape, so there's no excuses.

Q. Talked about putting already. You're inches from having the lead yourself. On 18, did that kind of play into it about being more aggressive on the putt?

GENE SAUERS: Well, I want to be aggressive, but then again, I don't want to knock it by six feet like I did on No. 16, then I left it six feet short on my 17th hole. So my speed's been a little off, so I've got to be work on my speed a little bit. I want to be aggressive, but my stroke's not letting me be aggressive.

Q. So you seem excited and relaxed right now, happy. Is that something you're going to carry the next two days?

GENE SAUERS: That's what I'm trying to do, trying to just breathe a lot, keep the nerves away, just hit one shot at a time, see what happens.