

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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TOM BYRUM (-3)

Q. How are you feeling after your round today?

TOM BYRUM: I feel good that I made par on 9. It was a good day.

Q. This tournament's special to everybody, but you've got obviously a little hometown connection a little bit. Can you tell us through the years what this tournament has meant to you?

TOM BYRUM: Yeah, it's been a great place for me and my wife. Coming back and seeing family on her side every year back in the day was really fun. We had great family get-togethers and I actually played pretty well while we were here, so it's been good to me in many ways.

Q. Have you played it at all since?

TOM BYRUM: No, I haven't.

Q. Tell us about it. Everybody says, man, it's pretty much the same except a tree or two.

TOM BYRUM: Yeah, there's a couple trees missing, but there's still plenty out there and the ones that are left are a lot bigger. As you can see the scores, I haven't looked recently, but they're not really tearing it up. I thought it would be a lot worse. The course is great, greens are great, and it's playing a little longer than it used to, not as firm as it has been in the past. Of course, you guys have had a lot of rain, but it's a great golf course.

Q. What do you think crowd-wise? We haven't seen Champions Tour crowd, but the guys keep saying this is like a Sunday crowd out here.

TOM BYRUM: Yeah, it is actually. It's a pretty good crowd for a Friday. I'm sure the concert helps a little bit to get them out early. I heard there were plenty of tickets sold early and it's going to be a great weekend.

Q. Moving into the weekend, what do you think you've got to do?

TOM BYRUM: Shoot lower scores. I don't know, drive it in the fairway first and foremost. I'm putting well, I just struggled with my ball-striking today. I had it going early and for some reason it just kind of left me.

Q. Did any of the extended family walk with you all 18?

TOM BYRUM: They did until I bogeyed 18, that was my first and it was just me out there by myself. The last few holes they came back out to see if it was them or me when I was making the birdies. Obviously it was neither.

Q. What was your reaction when you first heard that Warwick Hills was back on the schedule?

TOM BYRUM: I was really happy, we both were. My wife, I told her, her family, and it was just great that we were coming back. We're really excited to be here.