ROUND 1 INTERVIEW June 21, 2019

DAVID FROST (-6)



Q. David, take us through your round. Did you feel like this was a round that was in you coming in here? Is this the kind of course that suits your eye?

DAVID FROST: It has not been in the past. Normally, the last few years we've had really wet conditions, so it was nice to have the ball roll out a little bit today. I'm not the longest of hitters, so the long hitters really enjoy the golf course, especially when it's soggy like that.

But yeah, for me it was nice getting some roll on the ball. Didn't drive it very well, but managed to make some long putts. You know, I had a little stretch there, 15, 16, 17 where I made three nice birdies, one really long putt on 17.

So, you know, if I could strike it better tomorrow and the putter still stays warm, so that would be great.

Q. How old are you now?

DAVID FROST: I'll be 60 this year. Thanks for bringing that up.

Q. You've had a great run, and I think the times you played in Milwaukee it seemed like you played pretty well?

DAVID FROST: Yeah, I enjoy golf wherever I play it. You know, I like the greens here. The pins are kind of tucked in positions where you've got to play a little bit away from the pin sometimes and, you know, I enjoy playing golf. And it's not the golf course where it's conditions like this, the long hitters don't have an advantage. Par 5s, some of them you've got to lay up, and luckily there are three par 5s on the front nine, I only played them 1 under. But, you know, I just enjoy playing golf.

Q. Does it change your outlook a little bit when you're kind of in a crowd of people and then you spring some birdies and all of a sudden you're in second place playing in the last group tomorrow?

DAVID FROST: A lot of people say, "Don't you get nervous with all the people around," but the crowd definitely brings more electricity to the event and to the shot. You're trying to perform at least because there's some people around. When there's no one around, it's kind of an anticlimax. It's nice to have drama out there, and the crowd kind of causes the drama.

Q. A little more drama then for tomorrow?

DAVID FROST: Yeah, the crowds come out and they're great. It's nice to see so many people come out. I know you guys don't have a big football team here or basketball team, so everybody enjoys sports. It's nice just to be outdoors. I think people enjoy walking around, seeing the players.

Q. You'll be in the group ahead of Jack tomorrow.

DAVID FROST: Yeah, Jack's been behind me a few times. I've never really been behind him. Yeah, it's always great to see the greats out. Golf's just an amazing sport where these guys can, and us can still be out there having our name visible. We can still hit the shots.

A lot of people, a lot of spectators, I know people watch the PGA TOUR, but the guys out here, people would love to do what we can do. You can't really do what the guys on the PGA TOUR do. Out here, I think there's a lot to learn even from guys like us.

Q. A lot of 67s and 8s out here, but no one took it super deep as has happened in the past here. Are there any subtle changes to the golf course this year?

DAVID FROST: No, for the reason the greens have been wet in the past, people are just firing at the pins. But like on 17 you're trying to land it, you know, 10 yards on the green and it's rolling 40 feet. So that's the reason why guys shoot low. You can fire at the pin and it's like throwing darts. That's why the scores aren't as low. So if the wind can blow a little bit more, dry the greens out, it's hard really getting the ball close to the hole and then you've got to make long putts.

Q. Do you prefer those conditions?

DAVID FROST: Definitely. It lets you think a little bit and anticipate how far is this ball going to roll once it lands. Like even on 12, the par 3, it landed six yards on the green and it rolls all the way to the back of the green. It's hard to get it close there, but there are more holes like that.

Q. What did you do on 18 to wind up where you were?

DAVID FROST: I hit a bad drive in the bunker and then got it right of the green and chipped it up to about three feet, made that for par.

Q. Was that when you were standing on that -- getting that ruling, were you thinking if you could just find a way to get this in for par, it makes the day look a little bit more special?

DAVID FROST: Yes. Obviously I would have liked to get that up and down. I had a nice little, you know, shot from down there. It's not like I had -- I knew the slope was going to carry the ball down to the hole. I thought I could get it within five or six feet and got it inside that, made a little tickler to get in the hole.