

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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DAVID TOMS (-5)

Q. Well, Kirk was in here earlier, calls this a 5-under-a-day tour. You got your 5 under. Was it as easy as it looks? How did it go out there?

DAVID TOMS: Well, I thought the wind made it a little bit tricky. We had some crosswinds, the last nine holes it blew pretty good. So I got off to great start. I birdied the first three holes starting on No. 10, my first hole. That obviously helped me get off to a good start. I just kind of maintained it.

Didn't really have much trouble today. The only trouble I had was on the last hole. I drove it in the deep grass and had to chip out and struggled to make par, but I had a nice par-saving up-and-down on the last hole and kind of just kept my round going.

Q. You've had an interesting last few weeks. Do you want to take us through what it's been like, you had Pebble and then coming back?

DAVID TOMS: Yeah. I was very fortunate to be able to play the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach on a nice weather week when the golf course was as good as I've ever seen it. Only played for two days. I had a couple bad holes on Friday and it cost me the cut, but I felt like I was playing okay.

Came here and prepared well, played good in practice day and played a solid pro-am yesterday. You know, I like the golf course. I think this tournament's a great event. The community supports it really well. You want to go out there and try to make some birdies and hit good shots for them.

So I did that today and I just hope to keep it going. I mean obviously just got to keep it going and going. I don't know what the weather holds. If we get some rain, it gets soft, it will play longer. But we'll see. I'll just have to keep playing well.

Q. You came in the same class as Steve and Jerry. How would you assess the way your Champions career has gone so far? Do you feel like you're catching stride out here?

DAVID TOMS: Well, I think it's getting comfortable. I enjoy playing out here. I don't really have many aspirations to play the tour again. I know Steve is continuing to play a lot of events out there. I might play more next year, I'm not really sure, but I really kind of know my place and it's out here. I enjoy it. I mean, I haven't won -- not that I thought I would, but I felt like I would have more chances. It's just very competitive. Everybody out here knows how to win golf tournaments and you've got to play really well, and I just hadn't play good

enough to win multiple events yet, but I'm still trying and enjoying the process.

Q. Anything about the course that you saw today that's different than last year?

DAVID TOMS: No, it's about the same. It's still pretty soft. We had a few mud balls out there today. I had one on the first hole right out of the box, so you just deal with that. The golf course, the greens are in good shape. Seems like you can make putts if you get in the right spot. If you get in the wrong spot beside the hole to the wrong side with a lot of break, it's tough to make them. So it's all about controlling those iron shots.