

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW

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SHAUN MICHEEL
LOREN ROBERTS (-8 OZ)



Q. Obviously a really great round for you guys, two birdies to open, two at the turn, and you kind of just kicked it up from there. What was working so well?

LOREN ROBERTS: Well, my partner here was just putting great. He was hitting great shots. I'm kind of the Mr. Par man, you know, and he hit some great shots. We ham-and-egged it really well today. It's a huge advantage that I'm with him because of his length, you know. So we were looking at birdies almost every hole and if we did miss one, you know, we got it up and down.

Q. Shaun, first time at this event for you. How much has it helped to have Loren as a partner, who's obviously a veteran here?

SHAUN MICHEEL: A lot. I mean, Loren and I have known each other for going on 25 years now. He's had a tremendous amount of success at the big tour level and now out here, too. It's a fun event for me to kind of get started in my Champions career. Like he said, we played very well and I had a few kind of missteps coming in, then I messed up the scorecard here to finish off, so I'll be hearing about that for a while.

LOREN ROBERTS: Something to kid him about.

SHAUN MICHEEL: Yeah, so I'm going to be known as the guy who can't keep score. Anyway, we played fine, we played well and I had a lot of fun. Just the par 5s are reachable all for me. We kind of --

LOREN ROBERTS: That's huge.

SHAUN MICHEEL: Yeah, it is. It's a big advantage I think for me. It wasn't so much that they were not reachable for him, I think it was just the way the wind was blowing today. Really, outside of the last hole, we didn't really have any issues where we were really worried about making anything more than par. It was a great day and we had a good time.

Q. I heard you said that you're glad you got this out of the way before the weather rolls in tomorrow. What are you looking forward to at Top of the Rock?

LOREN ROBERTS: Well, obviously they're talking about 25-mile-an-hour gusts, so we'll see what happens. We just want to hit some greens tomorrow and have some putts when it's blowing that hard.