ROUND 2 INTERVIEW February 9, 2019



DAVID TOMS (-10)

Q. I know the finish wasn't what you wanted. Just talk about the whole day.

DAVID TOMS: Oh, very happy with the overall day. Tough conditions, a lot more breeze today. Yesterday we had hardly any for most of the round, so I got off to a great start, and even was playing well on the back nine until I had, I guess I call it a three-putt. I didn't hit that bad of a shot on 14. And then 15 I hit a great drive and set myself up to be able to attack the pin and I kind of fell asleep with the wind there and hit a bad shot, made a nice bogey.

But overall played really solid, hit a lot of good shots, made some nice putts. And 5 under on a day when the wind was pretty gusty around this track, I'll take it.

Q. Do you consider yourself to be a good wind player?

DAVID TOMS: We play in it so much, especially in the springtime. Anytime you're in Florida you play in it, so you just have to -- you just always have to pay attention.

The golf courses, the way they set them up with the pins tucked over water and over bunkers, some of the fairway bunker placement off the tee, you just always have to pay attention to what kind of shot you're trying to hit, how much the wind's going to move it, what club you should be hitting.

I've done a better job of being in the moment the last -- actually, the last 10 years of my career on the Tour and then so far out here. I've become a better wind player. Early in my career on the Tour I was terrible. Anytime you walk out of the house and the trees are blowing around, you're just not really looking forward to the day. I've gotten better at it.

Q. After what happened a few weeks ago, how anxious are you to put yourself back in that situation?

DAVID TOMS: Well, I'm anxious. Obviously I would love to get right back there to see if I can do better the next time, but if not, it's all about giving yourself opportunities for us. You see all these guys have won tournaments, so they know how to do it and very seldom do you see people back up coming down the stretch. So you have to go out and earn it. Certainly I didn't do that in Hawaii. Hopefully I can go out and do it tomorrow. But if not, going to Naples next week, so we just keep grinding and keep having fun playing golf and keep giving myself opportunities and it will happen again.

Q. Can you talk about the eagle at 7?

DAVID TOMS: Yeah. I hit a 5-wood off the tee. I was really surprised that it got that far, but the way your first bounce on that down-slope -- yesterday I hit 3-wood and almost hit it in the water too far. So today I hit it great and it just turned out good. To make the putt from 25 feet or so was just a bonus on a hole like that. It was just a great hole. It's a fun hole for us to play, anything can happen there.

Q. You see Bernhard at the top of the leaderboard, his history on this tour is just so tough.

DAVID TOMS: Well, he lives like on the putting green here, doesn't he? Isn't that where his house is?

No, obviously he has a lot of experience out here. He's a great player, he plays with confidence all the time and he's won so many tournaments, it's kind of second nature. So I look for him to be right there again tomorrow.

Q. Overall, a successful day for you?

DAVID TOMS: Disappointing that I didn't have a (inaudible) 13 holes. Like you said, 14's a tough hole, hit a bad first putt there. 15 I fell asleep in the middle of the fairway, I thought the hard part was over. I hit a great drive right down there, fell asleep on the second shot, came out of it. Followed it up with a great shot at 16. Bad drive at 17, it's kind of an awkward angle for me, made bogey there. Finished with a birdie, good round, I'm not too far out of it.

Q. (No microphone.) Professionals have short memories, I know, but what went on there at Hualalai? Does that give you a little bit of motivation going into tomorrow?

DAVID TOMS: Yeah, I think so. I mean, obviously tomorrow, coming from behind, we'll see what happens out there tomorrow. You know, just like I did today, I kind of fell asleep at times over there in Hawaii coming in and I did that again today. Guys don't give you anything out here. Great players, you've got to go out and earn it and I'll have to do that tomorrow