ROUND 1 INTERVIEW October 18, 2019

**TOMMY TOLLES (-7)** 



### Q. Well, that was really fun to watch. Where did that come from?

TOMMY TOLLES: It was even more fun to play.

#### Q. I bet it was.

**TOMMY TOLLES:** First really good round of the year. I don't know what I was saving it for, but for the most part, the whole year has just been a write-off, but that right there was something different.

#### Q. Was it the putter?

**TOMMY TOLLES:** It was a little bit of everything. Other than the last tee shot, I kept almost all my tee shots in play. Even if I missed a fairway, I missed it on the proper side, was able to still kind of have access to the green. I missed a couple greens, hit some great chips. I mean, I can't put my finger on what I did for the first 15 tournaments, but that was good.

## Q. Knowing what you did for those first 15 tournaments, what was your mindset coming into this week?

**TOMMY TOLLES:** I was just ready to set myself up for disappointment again. I haven't done anything different this week that I haven't done for the last six or seven months. I prepare basically the same way. I've worked just as hard in the fitness trailer, in the locker room, on the practice facility and I haven't gotten any results. I wish I could put my finger on what I did today.

I felt a little bit different out there. Once you start to get off to a good start, start making birdies on top of birdies instead of birdies and then backing up, obviously you get into a different comfort zone or whatever and it tends to free you up a little bit. You know, birdies make birdies. And then making seven today, I'm sure that's the most I made all year and it's probably maybe only the second or third time I played bogey free.

## Q. So since you haven't been prepared for this, how will you prepare yourself tonight for tomorrow?

**TOMMY TOLLES:** Tomorrow's another day. You know, I haven't been on TV a whole lot this year. I haven't been really even off the first tee much this year. I felt like I've spent almost all year off No. 10, so you feel like you're part of the tournament until you make your turn on Sunday and they're starting to pack the ropes up and tear stuff down and it's really

hard to stay motivated. Every single week, like I said, I prepare the exact same way and I just haven't been able to produce any solid results or anything to even build on for the majority of the year. Then all of a sudden I come out and surprise myself on a day like this, which is nice, I'm glad I got at least one, but as far as preparing myself for tomorrow, I've got no answers for you.

## Q. How about this tournament? I mean, the opportunity to continue to move on to other tournaments, the second leg, the third leg? I mean, if you have a good week, that's really important.

**TOMMY TOLLES:** Absolutely. And I have absolutely nothing to lose, so there's no reason not to go out there and just freewheel it for the next 36 holes. Maybe good things happen, maybe bad things happen, but there's no reason to be tense or tight or whatever because I have absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain.

# Q. I was walking with one of your friends, he was telling me about the landscaping business that you had. I mean, what do you do like if you're not golfing or you're not getting to the second leg or third leg? Is landscaping what you've been up to?

**TOMMY TOLLES:** Yeah. I've gotten really good at demos because all the three-putts and all the chili dips and all the duck hooks and everything, I just tear stuff out of the ground or whatever, I get very angry with it. People are kind of curious as to how I do it so well and so fast. I just, I really miss the landscaping, but there's nothing better than coming to the last hole hitting a good iron shot, making a nice four-footer in front of a couple hundred people. There's no bigger reward than that right there.