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TOMMY TOLLES (-12)



Q. So you said yesterday after you finished, you couldn't put your finger on it. Tell me about today. Could you put your finger on it?

TOMMY TOLLES: I really kept the momentum going for the front nine and then the back nine, I showed up. I really lost the speed of the greens. I had a very, very simple birdie putt on 10 and I left it two feet short. Then on almost every putt from then on out or whatever, I couldn't get the speed right. I was missing a lot of them. I was either leaving them short or I was powering through the break.

But as far as the way I struck the ball, I'm very pleased. That's been kind of like if I could put one thing, it's my iron game's been pretty bad. I started off that way today, I hit some really bad wedge shots the first few holes but was able to kind of dial it in a little bit, give myself some kind of decent opportunities.

Q. All right. Can you do it tomorrow?

TOMMY TOLLES: I feel comfortable, it's just I kind of live and die by my putter. Almost all of us can keep it in play off the tee and get it on the green or whatever, but I need to make those putts. That's the strength of my game right now. When I have putting exhibitions like I did on the back nine today, it may not fair so well. I need to be more like that guy on the front.

Q. Does tomorrow have a chance to change some things just kind of for the future of your career on PGA TOUR Champions?

TOMMY TOLLES: Absolutely. As of right now, this year is over for me, but with a really solid finish tomorrow or potentially even a win, it would save an abysmal year and create a whole bunch of new opportunities for next year.

Q. And are you signed up for Q? Like how does that --

TOMMY TOLLES: Oh, yeah. I'm there December 3 through 6.

Q. Do you think about that sort of thing?

TOMMY TOLLES: That's happening in December or something, so it's over 30 days away. Tomorrow's the only day that counts.

Q. I guess I mean if you play well tomorrow, you don't obviously have to go to

Q-School if you get --

TOMMY TOLLES: Basically the only way I'm not going to go to Qualifying School is if I win tomorrow. In any other situation, I can better my position by going there. I know there's a lot of guys last year that decided not to go. A lot of us didn't quite get in the amount of tournaments that we really needed. It would make a huge difference, so I won't make that mistake.

Q. So you would go?

TOMMY TOLLES: Yes.