

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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TOMMY TOLLES (-16)

Q. Tommy, you gave yourself a little birthday present there on the last hole. Tell us about that putt.

TOMMY TOLLES: I hadn't made anything all day so I didn't expect it to go in, but it was a fairly simple putt, 15 feet straight down the hill. It's one of the few that I actually got online with the speed right.

Q. You said the other day that you had nothing to lose coming into this week, that you were just going to freewheel it. Do you feel like you did that and accomplished that over this weekend?

TOMMY TOLLES: I did from tee to green. I didn't putt so good today and usually that's a strength of my game, so I'm a little bit disappointed, especially early in the round. It's just one of those things, it's been a long time since I've been in this position and I'm happy with the way it turned out. Maybe not the whole result, but most of it anyway.

Q. It looked like you've been here every single week and that's the Tommy Tolles that we know. You started the week 59th, now you're 37th. What did Tommy Tolles learn about himself over the weekend?

TOMMY TOLLES: Well, I can do it, I've just got to get myself in position to do it. The majority of the year I spent off of No. 10, it's been a little bit lackluster, inspiration hasn't quite been there every week. This is definitely a step in the right direction.

Q. You had a chance to win today, but you didn't quite get it done. Do you still feel like you accomplished a whole heck of a lot this week?

TOMMY TOLLES: Well, if you asked me at the beginning of the week, my main goal would have been just to maybe crack the top-54 so this wouldn't be the last tournament of the year. So yes, small strides. End result, yes, I did exactly what I wanted to. But the position I put myself after two days, I paced myself with other players, so I think as a whole, as a group, we got off to a really slow start and just couldn't keep pace with what the field was doing.

Q. You're now in the second Playoffs event. Does this change your goals as you move forward with the rest of the season?

TOMMY TOLLES: Oh, absolutely. Now my expectations are much higher whereas this week I just had a little one. In two weeks I'll be looking to crack the top-36.

Q. And John said that you're now 37th in the standings. You're currently enrolled in Q-School, but if you play your cards right, you don't have to do that.

TOMMY TOLLES: It wouldn't bother me not to go there.

Q. So we've got a week off before we go to Sherwood. Is this a case where you just kind of wish we could go right there and keep on playing or are you looking forward to recharging your batteries?

TOMMY TOLLES: I would like to go. Once you have the momentum going in your favor, you never really want to take a step back. To be honest with you, I really need to kind of reflect and figure out what I was actually doing right this week as compared to the previous 15, 16 weeks. I think this week off will do me good.

Q. And how did you spend yesterday? You were sleeping on the lead and then you had to sleep on the lead a second time.

TOMMY TOLLES: It was a lot easier to sleep the second night than it was the first night, I'm not going to lie to you. Honestly, yesterday was -- when we got here, the first thing I did was walk into the rules trailer and check with the weatherman this week and he said if we get anything in, it would be a minimal amount for myself. They would just be doing it just to try to keep going.

I think as the day progressed, that information led to the PGA TOUR rules people just saying, you know, if we can't get the majority of it in, we're not going to try to get any of it in.

Q. So how did you spend your day?

TOMMY TOLLES: Just sitting in the locker room eating. I think I had three breakfasts.