

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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WOODY AUSTIN (-6)



Q. You had a good front nine, but then an incredible back nine. What came together for you back there?

WOODY AUSTIN: Really, all it was was I got it close enough to where I could make them. I hit it good on the front nine, just didn't make anything, and then I hit a bad shot on nine.

Q. That was the one bogey?

WOODY AUSTIN: That was the one bogey. And then I hit it about four feet on 10 and that was my first one-putt of the day. Then I two-putted 11. I missed the cup and I hit it, I don't know, five feet on 14. Hit a great shot on 15, that was my bomb of the day, I think that was maybe, I don't know, eight feet maybe. Then I hit it an inch on 16, an inch from going in. Then I made another bomb on 17. I made about a, I don't know, 12-footer there maybe.

Q. That's amazing.

WOODY AUSTIN: Yeah, I just hit it really good. And I missed a couple shots on the front, but I just didn't make the putts that I made on the back.

Q. And looking back to your pro-am round, your practice round, is this what you anticipated at all?

WOODY AUSTIN: Yeah, I mean, I played good yesterday. I gave myself a lot of chances. I don't know, I probably made four or five birdies yesterday. You know, I played pretty good on the front, so to shoot even par and I saw the scores, you're like, okay, you've got plenty of par 5s on the back, which I knew I could maybe get to a couple and then have a couple easy ones, a couple two-putts.

I really hit a good shot on 10, hit it in there close, and then I hit 11 in two. So to be 2 under, okay, you're back in it, you're not too bad. Then I just, I hit it really close those three holes in a row and I made a long one on 15 from down the hill, eight feet.

Q. So what do you call when you actually do hit a bomb? Like what is it called?

WOODY AUSTIN: When I make a bomb?

Q. Like 45 feet.

WOODY AUSTIN: Oh, you mean like a legitimate bomb.

Q. Not an eight-footer.

WOODY AUSTIN: See, that's when I go, yeah, I putted good. I'm not afraid to say when I putt good. But Retief, shit, we were -- what were we? We were 1 under at the turn and until 14, so we were both 2 under through 13 and I guarantee between the two of us we had three one-putts and we were both 2 under. And then I stuffed it on 14 and then he stuffed it -- and then he birdied 16 and 18. I mean, I'll bet -- obviously I made -- I made one, two, three, four at the end, so I had, what, 30 putts? I'll bet he probably -- I'll bet he had 31 or 32 for 68. We weren't making anything, we were both just playing really good and hitting it close. If we would have had a hot putter round, oh, my God, either one of us could have shot low.

Q. Did you play with a celebrity yesterday?

WOODY AUSTIN: I did.

Q. Who did you play with?

WOODY AUSTIN: I played with Johnny McEnroe.

Q. How was that?

WOODY AUSTIN: It was awesome, absolutely awesome. He was awesome. We had a great bunch of guys. We had three other members of the club here and we had a great time. Johnny said it was only his third pro-am he's ever played in and he played very good for somebody who's only played in three pro-ams. But he said he's got the bug and --

Q. Are you a tennis guy?

WOODY AUSTIN: I am.

Q. Really?

WOODY AUSTIN: I played when I was young. I played competitively when I was 10 through 12 probably. I still know how to play a little bit. Not like him, but a little bit.