

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**September 20, 2019**



**TOM BYRUM ( E )**

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**Q. So, Tom, maybe not the finish that you wanted, but it was playing tough out there.**

**TOM BYRUM:** Yeah, it was. I just didn't handle the wind very well. Downwind holes were what was almost as hard as into-the-wind holes, but putting was hard in the wind. You know, you lose a little bit of confidence in that wind and you start missing some putts and it can go the other way in a hurry. I'm just happy I got it in at even right now, hope for a better day tomorrow.

**Q. The first tee, you hit the first tee shot of this year's tournament. How special was that experience with the crowd there knowing that everyone is here to watch you in a lot of ways?**

**TOM BYRUM:** Well, didn't hurt to have Jack Nicklaus on the tee, either. Yeah, it's nice. Greg puts me out there first, last year as well. It is special, and being from South Dakota, I'm proud to do it, means a lot.

**Q. Did you feel that support as you went around the entire round today?**

**TOM BYRUM:** Of course, yeah. I wish I could have played better for them, but you never know. Maybe something big will happen on the weekend.

**Q. You mentioned you got in with an even par 70. That's got to hold up to some degree, don't you think?**

**TOM BYRUM:** I think it's respectable, but I think a good score today is going to be like 3 or 4 under will be a great score, and Colin looked like he was on pace for that. But there's some tough holes. Like I said, all it takes is, you know, a couple of those downwind holes, it's just hard to slow your ball down on the green. You just can't -- hitting your second shots, you just can't get it to stop, you know. And then you're chipping back into the wind. It's definitely different conditions than what we've really played in all year, this much wind.