



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023 **DAVID TOMS (67, -4)**

MODERATOR: This new old golf course. What's it like for you guys going around a course for the first time other than maybe just a friend? What are you trying to learn out for you?

TOMS: Well, you are trying to learn. What you're trying to do, we've been lucky. Well, Tuesday we had opposite wind. So that really puts you behind. You need to figure out what you're going to do. Throw in Pro AM days, maybe the wind is going to be what we're playing. So you kind of got to feel for it. And the setup, the reason why you're trying to figure out where to put the teams and what holes can play, you know, too difficult at times. And as a player, you're trying to figure out as well. You know, the tee shot is a big deal. Some of the angles are different from what we used to play. New fairway bunkers. But now the greens are completely different. And that's where the tricky part is. You really have to have to be in the quadrant where the pin is, to have a chance to make the putt.

QUESTION: So as you assess your game today and look forward to the next two days, what did you do well today that you're going to have to continue doing? Or do you need to do better?

TOMS: Well, I kept the ball in play for the most part. I drove it well. So I didn't really have too much stress there except for number two. And then, you know, just trying to be patient. I birdied number ten and had it rolling and then they had a back left in on 11. I got 110 yards and trying to sneak a little chip in back there and I made a bogey. I paid the price. I could have hit a wedge 25 feet to the right underneath the hole. And made my par and gotten out of there. So hopefully I'll learn from that. That's the way you got to play golf.

QUESTION: Big LSU fan. Is there a game you're looking forward to?

TOMS: Yeah, we got a big game tomorrow night. At least it's at night, which is good. I'm hoping I won't watch it anyway. So but for now, look forward to that. But another day on the golf course tomorrow, trying to play my best golf and see what that looks like. But yeah, I'll be pulling for the Tigers tomorrow night to step up. Forty -five easy.

QUESTION: 4-under to lead. How, that's still right here, just talk about how. How did that go?

TOMS: Well, I mean, obviously it was a windy day. They gave us a chance, you know, with some of the pin placements. We're still trying to figure out course setup. We're still trying to figure out the golf course. And I think it worked pretty well. I mean, you saw some solid scores, nothing real low. But you didn't see, I mean, I haven't paid that much attention, but it doesn't look like anybody shot real high either. So it was manageable, even though the wind was pretty gusty out there.

QUESTION: What do you have to do this weekend to win?

TOMS: Well, you just got to keep playing solid golf, picking the spots, you know, stay in control, you know, in the wind. And I got to hit the ball solid. It always helps to hit it in the middle of the clubface. The wind doesn't affect it near as much. And then, I mean, if you get in trouble, you got to get out and not be too aggressive. And I think that's why you saw the scores, kind of what they were today.