
84 LUMBER CLASSIC
Nemacolin Woodlands Resort
Mystic Rock Golf Course
Farmington, Pa

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Second-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS DIMARCO

THE MODERATOR: We thank Chris DiMarco, 2000 champion here at the 84 Lumber Classic. Bogey-free, 7-under 65 today.

CHRIS DIMARCO: It's about time I made some birdies. I will tell you it's been a while. You know it was at the Canadian Open I went the last nine holes on Friday, and all day Saturday, and then the first 12 holes on Sunday before I made my next birdie. Then I only made one that day. So the whole week in Canada I only made one birdie and last week the course was so difficult it wasn't like you were making five or six birdies around there either.

And yesterday, I only made 3. It was about time we finally made some today. It was nice. I hit it close and I made a couple of good putts. I actually missed a couple too, I missed two 4-footers out there for birdie.

Q. You made the cut in all 5 tournaments here which is a good streak in itself, but adding the fact it's the third different course we played at, adds a little more significance to that kind of statistic?

CHRIS DIMARCO: It's always myself to make cuts. That's what the goal is every year, you try to make as many cuts as you can. The more cuts you make, the more chances you give yourself.

Q. You are only three back from Vijay, how hard the way he is playing will it be to catch him?

CHRIS DIMARCO: We made up some ground today. If I go out and play two more rounds like this, he will have a tough time catching me. But, again, Vijay is on a run right now. Let's not print it like that, I meant it as a joke. Everybody it's a joke. I know I got slammed at International for saying something that was a joke, too. That was a joke. Vijay is playing really good. He is No. 1 in the world right now. Vijay is playing great. Who doesn't want to play against the best player in the world and hopefully you can come out on top? I mean, you know, I got to go out and play two terrific rounds, that's not for sure. He is not going to backup to anybody. He is on a tremendous roll,

very much like Tiger was, I think it was in 2000, is that the year he won nine tournaments?

So, you know, Vijay has got it on absolute cruise control right now. And, basically, it is, it's his tournament to win.

I don't see him shooting too many scores in the 70's the next two days, let's put it that way, so we are going to have to go pretty low to catch him.

Q. Does that alter the-?

CHRIS DIMARCO: The game plan?

Q. How you go about what you do?

CHRIS DIMARCO: You know, this course is playing pretty difficult actually with the greens being this firm. You got to put it in play. So my goal today was to try to hit as many greens as I could and give myself chances. I think I only missed two or three greens all day. The good thing is if you do miss a green on the correct side, you know with the greens being this hard, the guessing of chipping is out. Because it's pretty easy to chip, you know the ball is going to release and run out. So if you do miss greens, you want to leave on it the right side of the hole. Basically, you got to make putts. That's what he is doing so good right now. You know, I know back in 2000, you look at Tiger, everybody said how good he was hitting it, boy, he was putting it pretty good. And putting is the key to everything.

Q. Was the ball releasing about the same as yesterday?

CHRIS DIMARCO: About the same, pretty much. It's kind of hard when you got 208 yards and you are hitting 6-irons. I hits a 6-iron about 175. So the ball is releasing 30 yards from the greens.

Q. Did you have much Ryder Cup hangover?

CHRIS DIMARCO: You know, I was really tired on Monday, and I was really tired on Tuesday, and I was really tired on Wednesday, and I might have been a little tired yesterday. I got a really good night sleep last night which was a very overdue. And I think maybe that helped. I feel fresh now. I feel good. You know mentally it was tough. I'm glad I had a very easy week up until yesterday. It's hard, there is no doubt about it. Physically, I'm fine. But mentally, a week like that really takes a lot out of you. You don't realize it until it's done. A lot of emotion out there.

Q. Let's go through the card, Chris?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Okay. We started on 10.

11, I hit a driver 3-wood. I hit a little L-wedge into to about eight feet and made that for birdie.

13, I hit a driver and an L-wedge to about six feet and made that one.

15, I hit a good drive, and a good 6-iron to about 18 feet and made that.

16, I missed about a 4-footer for birdie.

18, I hit a driver and 8-iron in there four feet left of the hole and missed that one too.

2, I hit a driver and 8-iron to about two feet and made birdie.

3, I hit a really good 4-iron back there to about six feet and made that for birdie.
6, I hit a driver and 3-wood on the green, 20 feet, 2-putted for birdie.
8, I hit a driver and 3-wood just left of the green in the bunker and actually blasted out 15 feet and made a good 15-footer for birdie. Was that all?

Q. The one on 6 was actually on 5.

CHRIS DIMARCO: Yes. The one on six was actually on 5.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else? Thanks.

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