
84 LUMBER CLASSIC
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Mystic Rock Golf Course
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Third-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS DIMARCO

THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Chris, for joining us for a few minutes in the media center at the 84 Lumber Classic. I know you are disappointed in the way you finished but you are still within striking distance and it should be a fun day out there tomorrow.

CHRIS DIMARCO: Yes. You know, unfortunately, coming in, I think I only missed three or four greens all day, and I just didn't get up and down. I had a pretty easy chip on 14. I didn't get that up and down. I hit a pretty straight forward chip on 17 and 18. Unfortunately, I didn't get any of them up and down. I didn't chip them close enough really. I mean I left myself two 7-footers and a 9-footer and you know, these greens were getting a little beat up at the end of the day.

Q. Vijay, was clearly concerned about the pace, the stop and wait, stop and go and rhythm, did what affect you?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Yes, it (inaudible) to tell you the truth. Five hours and 20 minutes. That's not even right. No rhythm out there. You sit and you wait. You sit and you wait. You watch the group in front of you. You watch them play. You get no rhythm. I wish we could play twosomes tomorrow. But it looks like we are going to play three again, so it looks like another 5 hour 20 minute round.

Q. Did you make adjustment knowing that is going to happen tomorrow?

CHRIS DIMARCO: You know, you try to. But it's just the way it is. There are a lot of holes out here that, you know, that can get backed up. Some reachable par-5s. Some tough tee balls that you can get backed up with, and the greens are hard. A lot of guys are missing greens. And when you have to chip and putt, it's going to take a lot longer than if you are hitting the greens.

Q. This is a little slower than what you guys normally play, right?

CHRIS DIMARCO: 45 minutes slower or 50 minutes slower. Especially on twosomes on the weekend we play in about 4 hours, so you are talking an hour 20 minute difference there.

Q. What are you attributing it to?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Playing threesomes instead of twosomes. That was it. You take one player out, and you play twosomes, it moves a lot faster. It should play no more than 3 hours and 45 minutes in twosomes. A few guys early in the round, I guess there was some guys that lost some balls, one back up, and it just backs up the whole course.

Q. (Inaudible)?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Yes, I think we can still, you know, I guess they said we were ready to play by 9 o'clock this morning. It was only an hour and a half delay at most. You know, twosomes, they were blowing the siren at 7:20 last night. We would have finished before that easily in twosomes. But, you know, they wanted to get it in. I think TV wanted it after a certain time, too. That was the ultimate decision.

Q. That was an interesting the shot on 18?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Not really interesting, just bad to tell you the truth. I pulled it a hair. Obviously I was trying to cutoff the left side and it hit it up the fairway and I pulled it and it obviously kicked out. I hit a great second shot to give myself a chance. Unfortunately, I didn't get it up and down. The greens are getting a little bumpy at the end of the round with that many guys on them. You know, threesomes, that many guys on the course, they get a little bumpy.

Q. Aside from the late problems, how do you feel about your position for tomorrow's final round?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Fine. Thankfully Vijay didn't run away with the tournament today. Obviously, I would have liked to have finished par par and been right there with him starting tomorrow's round. But the only time he shoots 72 -- I mean I saw he shot 71 today, and I picked up a shot, so obviously there is a positive there. Obviously, I would have liked to have been a little bit better. But, you know, nobody really did much. The course actually won today, I think.

Q. This is a mountain course, we are at 3,000 feet, this is a mountain level course, have you played anything this stringent before?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Stringent in what way?

Q. You are down in Florida, you are playing a flat level course?

CHRIS DIMARCO: We play International. International is about 6,000 feet.

Q. In Colorado?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Yes.

Q. We are on par --

CHRIS DIMARCO: I have not been playing altitude up here at all. Where in Colorado I play 10 percent. The main reason you are seeing the ball going a lot further here because once it lands on the greens, it's releasing 20 or 30 yards to greens. The ball hasn't gone any further because of altitude at all. So there has been no change for that.

Q. Chris, can we go through your birdies and bogeys?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Yes, I hit a good drive on one. I hits a sand wedge to about 15 feet made a good 15-footer.

5, I hit a driver and 3-wood just right of the green. Chipped it up there about six feet and made a good six-footer.

7, I hit a 5-iron about 20 feet, made a good 20-footer.

In the middle there I had a really good putt on four, the 360, and I had a really good putt on No. 8 too that spun out for both a birdie.

I hadn't made a bogey since No. 6 on the first day.

14, I hit a driver. I tried to hit a really good hard 8-iron to the front pin, and it came up a little short and my chip came up eight feet short. It broke a little more than I thought.

16, I hit a driver, 2-iron just right short of that, up in the middle of the green, chipped it up a foot, birdie.

17, you know, I misjudged it. We were playing so far back the first two days, and all of a sudden they put us on the up tee, and I hit a 6-iron from the back tee the first day. I felt like I had a lot of club and I came up a little short with my 6-iron. I chipped it seven feet by it. As it went by the hole it really broke right to left going by the hole, so I played it right on the left edge and it went left on me. I don't know how it did that, but it went left.

18, because my chip went so hard by the hole on No. 17 I didn't hit it quite as hard. It kind of chucked up on me which is the first one that done that all week and left it like ten feet short and missed that.

Q. When you are playing head-to-head with a man ranked No. 1, and you are competing for a tournament lead, does that add anything to it?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Vijay, has a good obviously a very good thing working right now. He is on cruise control. But, you know, golf is a very weird game. Any given day anybody could beat anybody. Who would have thought that Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson were going to lose two matches last week paired together No. 2 and 3 in the world. So you know, you never know.

Q. Chris, the offer for the plane ride, and I guess the accommodations here with the butlers, and things like that, it seems like it's a pretty good deal, talk about that.

CHRIS DIMARCO: Well, obviously, right now I'm here at a tournament in nice weather and my family is going through another hurricane. So, you know, I have to be here while my family -- I have three children that have to sit in the house in 75 mile an hour winds. I'm not too happy about that.

It is not as glamorous as everybody thinks it is. You know, being away from your family is no fun. Living in the hotel room is no fun. For me, when I am not with my family, I live in my hotel room. I order room service. I don't do much. I rest well. More

than do I at home. But, you know, obviously to not have my family around it's hard. Especially right now I have a 9-month old and that's such a good age and a fun age and I am missing a lot of that.

Q. Where does your family live?

CHRIS DIMARCO: In Orlando, right in the middle.

Q. Are you boarded up well, and all of that stuff?

CHRIS DIMARCO: No. We are inland enough to where by the time it does get through the winds do subside quite a bit. Who knows what it can do? It made a big old turn in the middle and came right back at us. Who knows what it's going to do? It is scary. And, you know, but unfortunately, it's something you got to live with.

Q. Were you able to block that out pretty well?

CHRIS DIMARCO: It's going to be hard tomorrow because that's when it's hitting, right at noon, right about tee time. So that part is going to be hard. I'm going to talk to them beforehand obviously and hope everything is going good. It will be in my mind. There is no doubt. But, hopefully, I will be able to make a lot of birdies. We have been very fortunate the first two, to not lose power or cable, so they should be able to watch, at least give them something to do during it.

Q. How often did you get the Gator's score today?

CHRIS DIMARCO: Every hole. Until it was over, from three on. Two on, actually.