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Second-round leader quotes

AN INTERVIEW WITH MARC TURNESA

THE MODERATOR: All right. We have Marc Turnesa, with us, our leader at 11-under par after a 4-under 68. Marc if we can get some comments on your day.

MARC TURNESA: It was good. It was good. I started out with a bogey, and then kind of got it together after that. I hit it pretty well, and made putts again. I got up to 12 there, and I missed a short one on 8, my 17th hole to keep it there. But it was a good day.

THE MODERATOR: Any long birdie putts of note?

MARC TURNESA: Yeah, I did make one on the 5th hole, the last of the 3 birdies I made in that stretch.

THE MODERATOR: 6th.

MARC TURNESA: Yeah, it had to be 70 feet or -- 55? It felt like a lot longer. I was just trying to lag it up there close and it went in.

THE MODERATOR: All right. Questions?

Q (Inaudible).

MARC TURNESA: I don't know. Do you know?

THE MODERATOR: I sure do. 26.

MARC TURNESA: That putter feels good. I had that one hiccup on the 8th hole, and other than that I have been putting great.

Q (Inaudible).

MARC TURNESA: I hit a bad drive. I hit my drive right, pretty far right actually. It was sitting down pretty good in the rough, and I actually had a tree limb in my way. It wasn't a good situation. I was just trying to chop it down there somewhere close to the green, and I really didn't come close to the green, I was down there in the rough, 55 yards to the hole from my third.

Q Was it nerves?

MARC TURNESA: I don't think so because -- no. I was losing my driver already all day when I was missing. And it seems like I'm loosing my driver to the right and when I miss 'em, and I'm losing my irons to the left when I miss. And I did it a few times today with the driver. That hole is a pretty straight-forward hole. There is not much trouble out there. I wasn't really -- I didn't have any negative thoughts or anything going through my head, I kind of got ahead of it and it went right.

Q How do you feel like you handled it today and what will you do tomorrow? You are in the lead and just some thoughts on that?

MARC TURNESA: I'm looking forward to it. What I'm going to do. I don't really know what I will do. I hope I shoot a 5 or 6-under tomorrow. But either way it's going to be good for me. Anytime you are in the lead, and being in the final group tomorrow, no matter what happens it's going to be a good day.

Q (Inaudible).

MARC TURNESA: Yeah. It was a good 2-putt. I didn't want to finish off with two bogeys in a row. I wouldn't have been feeling too good about that tonight. But yeah, I pulled an iron in there, again, like I said, I pulled a 6-iron way left, and it was just in the rough there and decided to putt it, and it came out a little dead. To make that iron, I was 8 or 10 feet. And that was good. That was nice to make that. So I held the lead by myself. And you know, it's the difference between being in the final group and, I don't know, maybe 3rd or 4th from last.

Q You held the lead this year at Stanford the St. Jude Championship, and is there anything that you can pull from that experience this weekend?

MARC TURNESA: I think so.

Just the fact that I have been here before makes me a little more confident. And you know, hopefully I will finish off stronger this week than I did there at St. Jude.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else?

Q On 8 did you 3-putt in?

MARC TURNESA: No, I pulled a 5-iron in to the back bunker, and I hit a great bunker shot to about 3 feet. It couldn't have been more than 3 feet, I don't think. I just pushed it.

Q Did you talk to your dad last night?

MARC TURNESA: I did.

Q Did he have any advice?

MARC TURNESA: Well he just tells me he is proud of me. He says keep going. Keep doing what you are doing