

**Zurich Classic of New Orleans  
English Turn Golf Course  
New Orleans, LA  
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**First-round tournament quotes:**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH TOMMY ARMOUR, III**

THE MODERATOR: Welcome, Tommy, thanks for coming in. You shot a 66 today with only one bogey. Why don't you just get us some general comments how the course has played.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: The course is playing pretty easy. I mean it's a little bit of wind, not very firm. You can pretty much shoot at every pin out there.

THE MODERATOR: Any questions?

Q. You played this these tournaments before, do you notice any differences this year?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Just a little softer.

Q. Guys were saying the greens are smaller, tighter?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: No, it still looks like the same greens to me. Maybe they could be. I haven't been here in three years, I think.

Q. Is the course in good shape?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Yes.

Q. Considering everything?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Yes, considering everything. It's good Bermuda. I like Bermuda.

Q. Are you surprised to be up here in a sense?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: No, because I haven't played that well thus far this season. I took three weeks off and worked on a few things and last week I played decent. Played a good last round, shot 5-under the last round last week. So practice went good this week. I expected to play good today.

Q. The numbers say that you are putting really well?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Yes.

Q. Do the numbers lie?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: No, I'm putting pretty good.

Q. Is that recent, the last couple months, all season?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Well, that's so far this season up to now. I mean that's what that rating is. I switched putters at the start of the year. I was golfing with my brother going, this is the highest I've ever been on the putting list. I'm going, it's the lowest I've ever been on the Money List, the farthest at this point.

Q. That's what Sandy was saying, you are sort of waiting for the other part of the game?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Yes. I'm playing better.

Q. You said you took some time off to work on a few things, did that contribute to your end today?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Yes. Because I had played a lot of golf starting the year, and it was a mistake. I was excited to play. I just kept playing bad every week. I mean not terrible, I missed like three or four cuts, which isn't terrible golf. It's not really good golf. Sometimes when you miss a cut out here, you are eight shots out of the lead. I'm seven shots out of the lead.

And I mean, I missed the cut at THE PLAYERS Championship last shot. Like Doral by 2. I missed a couple on the West Coast by a shot, AT&T. So it wasn't really bad golf, it just wasn't good enough.

Q. Specifically what did you work on?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Just a couple of things on my swing. I just took some time off. I had been trying to work on them during tournaments, and just really never really got comfortable with anything that I was doing. I mean just basically the stuff I have been working on the last 12 years, 13 years. You know, I just said I'm going to take some time off and not come back until I can compete because, you know, coming out here, hope you make the cut is not the way to play the TOUR.

THE MODERATOR: Anymore questions? Thanks Tommy.

Q. Can you go through your birdies?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I started on 10, made about a 25-footer for birdie there.

I missed about a six-footer for birdie on 11.

I hit it about four feet on 12, made birdie.

3-putted 14 from about 20 feet, or about 30 feet.

15, I hit my tee shot in the water. Then I laid it down there and got it up and down.

16, I got it up and down.

17, I missed about a 15-footer for birdie.

18, I hit it about five feet and made it.

1, I hit it about six feet and made it.

2, I missed about a 10-footer for birdie.

3, I hit it about 15 feet, made it.

4, I hit it about it about three feet and made it.

5, I hit it about 20 feet and missed it.

6, I knocked it on in two, 2-putted.

7, I missed about a 20-footer.

8, I missed about a 15-footer.

9, I missed about a 10-footer.

Q. They said 18 is playing downwind a lot different?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Yes.

Q. What did you hit there?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I hit a 9-iron in. But I mean the course is playing -- there will be low scores this week.

Q. Are you healthy?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Yes.

Q. You are the first person up here that's been healthy, a couple of skiing accidents?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: No, I'm very healthy.

THE MODERATOR: Thanks, Tommy.

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