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Second-round tournament quotes:

AN INTERVIEW WITH DAVID TOMS

(Interview by tape.)

Q. That was a typical part of the round today?

DAVID TOMS: It was. I didn't really want to go for it over there. My second shot, any time you get higher than them, I watched (inaudible), he was just behind me hitting a 4-iron, and I was hitting a 3. I was behind him. They were hitting a 4-iron. I needed to cut it up into the wind, I pulled it a little bit. It was a terrible bogey that I made there, when I should have been making at least a birdie try. But then I came back and made a great putt at 16.

That's what I've done after the last two days, I've come back after bad holes. It may be the difference in my game the last month or so.

Q. I sense you're close to something really good, you're only 4 off the lead, do you feel good about where you are now heading into Saturday?

DAVID TOMS: Well, I mean, it's fun to play on a Saturday. It's been a while. My game feels good, I've worked on my swing a little bit this week. My tee shots feel a lot better than they have the last month or so. Any time you do that, it sets you up. I got a little bit more work to do it on, but I sure feel a lot better.

Q. Obviously, being a Louisiana native, you feel the electricity out there, there is a lot of folks who want you to win this tournament?

DAVID TOMS: I actually want to play well for myself, but at the same time there is a lot of people out here that I'm excited to playing for. I get excited. Hopefully it will work out well this weekend.

Q. Is there a lot of pressure, you have been in Ryder Cups, Major championships, is there pressure when the home state folks are rooting for you?

DAVID TOMS: Yes. I try to perform every week at a high level. I haven't been doing it lately. It's a lot special this week to play well in front of these people, just to play well.

Q. Lastly, needless to say, if I were to look to write a script for this, it would be for you to win this thing, I know you choked up talking about this in your home state, but it would be special?

DAVID TOMS: Oh, very special. I won here in 2001, the State has been good, the City has been good. If I can somehow come out on top, it would be one of those things that would be remembered.

Q. Good luck on the weekend.

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Q. (Inaudible)?

DAVID TOMS: I hit a lot of good shots. I drove the ball really well compared to the way I've been driving today. It set me up to have a lot of iron shots to the flag. I did that a few times. I made a couple of those putts. I still made some mental mistakes out there that I don't usually make when I'm playing really well. I think a lot of that has been because I have been struggling lately and maybe trying a little bit too hard.

Q. (Inaudible)?

DAVID TOMS: Well, No. 5, you are out there in the middle of the fairway, the pin is all the way in the back, five or six steps from the back, and I try to pull out a 5-iron to get it all the way out there. It's a long hole to lay into the wind. It's one of those make par holes and get out of there. And I tried to be aggressive to get over the green, and I didn't get up and down. I wasn't thinking right, I'm pressuring myself trying to make good shots. It's not the way you play the golf course.

To be honest with you on 15, I was thinking a 4-iron, (inaudible). That messed up my whole thing. I said I guess I better hit a 3-iron to get it there. I should have cut it up into the wind, and I hit it normal. I tried to hit it a little bit. To be honest with you, if you hit a good shot -- there is no such thing as not hitting a good shot. I should have had the discipline there just to lay the ball up, but my whole mindset was messed up. If I lay the ball up, I would probably only have 12, 15 feet for birdie.

Q. You're in a good position?

DAVID TOMS: When we teed off today, I thought it was going to be a tough day. Already golfers are 12-under, a bunch of 9-unders. I thought it was going to be a tough day out there. I said I've got to go out and play good to be around for tomorrow.

Q. (Inaudible)?

DAVID TOMS: Yes, I made a lot of birdies this afternoon, tough conditions. A good round on Saturday, I'm not too far off the lead. I feel good about my game now. I made a couple of mental errors out there. I'm hoping for a really good weekend.

Q. The way you are playing with rain in the forecast does that help you out, do you feel you're playing well enough to distance yourself?

DAVID TOMS: You know what, who knows what the weather will be. We may not play golf tomorrow, play some, go inside for a while, come back out. It could be very difficult, if the wind blows hard, and if we don't get any rain. I'm going to take it as it comes and get ready to play that first tee shot.

My mindset is good right now, I'm feeling better about my game.

Q. What's turning it around, what's making you feel better?

DAVID TOMS: Just a couple things, my golf swing feels better. The ball is starting to take off. My putter feels good, I made a couple of adjustments there. I'm glad to be back on this golf course. I played well on it before. I'm glad to be down here supporting this event. It's good to be playing on Saturday.

Q. Do you get a similar feeling to 2001?

DAVID TOMS: I don't know. You never expect to do something like that. It kind of falls in your lap, when you shoot 17-under. If I can do that this weekend, I will be there in the end, because the golf course is playing pretty good.

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