

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
**October 5, 2018**

**RICKY BARNES (-8)**



**Q. Comments on your round? That's a pretty amazing turnaround, 14 shots after the first round. Obviously it was the putter making the difference looking at the stats, but talk about it a little bit.**

**RICKY BARNES:** Yeah. I mean, I putted really well. I had a lot of good looks. Just talking to the guys walking from 9 to the scoring trailer, a lot of good looks. I hit a lot of shots in high today and that's kind of what it was yesterday. Seemed like I was in between a lot of shots. And pitched a shutout yesterday but I broke the streak in the 19th inning today, I birdied the first hole and kind of got things rolling. So like I said, I putted better, but I had a lot of really good looks, so it's -- you know, and I even parred a par 5.

**Q. I was going to say, was there any moment in there whether you holed a longish birdie putt or you made a putt for a save somewhere?**

**RICKY BARNES:** I would say I parred 2. 2 was playing long today, I think it was 250 yards. Hit a good shot just short and I made about a nine-footer for par. Then I think I birdied four of the next five again. I birdied the next hole for sure. Actually, I birdied the next three. So I made a really good par putt on 2 and birdied 3, 4, 5. That was probably the thing to keep it going. I knew I had to shoot a good round just to probably make the cut. Then once I kind of birdied 3, 4, 5, you're like, all right, now I can maybe even get into the golf tournament a little bit.

**Q. So 11's the most in your career in a round. Can you recall a round that was as special as this one anywhere?**

**RICKY BARNES:** Yeah, played with Tiger at Memorial, I shot 10 with him and had a putt on the last hole and he told me to knock it in. I went just low side and he walked by me and called me an amateur.

So I knew I was going to get the ball in the hole on 9 today for birdie. Yeah, it was special. Obviously that one with Tiger in the third round, but this is kind of as close as I get to home in northern California. I had my foundation event on Monday about an hour and 15 minutes away. I had about 12 or 13 other guys come over, so it's special to get here. I'm playing on an exemption, so I can't thank the Safeway and Lagardere Sports guys enough to give me a spot here. I didn't want to make it go to waste.

**Q. It seems like a lot of guys playing on exemptions are doing well this week.**

**RICKY BARNES:** Yeah. We've got to make the most of them. I know I have career status,

but I've got to get back to where I want to be.

**Q. So will you do any kind of celebrating with this round tonight?**

**RICKY BARNES:** No. My parents already gave me the place I'm going to go meet them for dinner. My mother and father-in-law and my brother and sister-in-law live here in town, so I have a lot of family here and maybe go have a wind-down glass of Silver Oak on my brother-in-law.