

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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MARK HUBBARD (-7)

Q. Mark, good playing today. That was tough out there. You played in like three seasons today, do you think? It was the warmest, what, about when you teed off this morning maybe?

MARK HUBBARD: Yeah, it was weird. I was sweating through my gray pants this morning at 7:00 a.m. and by about our 13th hole I wished I had another jacket.

Q. What are your thoughts really, because it was really difficult. When you got all those warm conditions and then you come outside, you're like shocked almost, and now you know the ball's going to go, what, at least 10 yards shorter?

MARK HUBBARD: Yeah, it was going shorter and the wind was up. I was definitely really happy I got a few birdies early on in the round, kind of give me some breathing room.

Q. I think that's the thing that's really important, you had to get off to a good start because it was like survival out there, especially when you first got out there. Got a little nicer maybe later in the round, but it was chilly and really ripping wind.

MARK HUBBARD: Yeah, it was. And I think, I don't know, I think for me the front's a little tougher. I think the tee shots on the front are a little tougher, so with that wind I think for me it plays, I don't know, two or three shots harder for me. So it really was survival mode on my back nine.

Q. Got to talk to you about 18. It's not a par 5 today, it might play as the hardest par 4 in a single day on the PGA TOUR.

MARK HUBBARD: Absolutely. And they moved the tee box two up, so I don't even think there was another tee box they could have moved it to. Yeah, I basically was playing for, after my tee shot, was playing for 5. And they both made 4s with 3-woods from the fairway and I said "good birdie" to both of them. At that point, I think that was my first bogey of the tournament and in my mind I was still bogey free.

Q. I still don't think there's been a birdie made there all day. Great playing today, man.

MARK HUBBARD: Thank you, I appreciate it.

Q. So you're living in The Woodlands now?

MARK HUBBARD: I am, yeah. I'll be there, it will be five years in December.

Q. What brought you to The Woodlands?

MARK HUBBARD: A lot of reasons. My coach -- to The Woodlands specifically, my coach is out at The Woodlands Country Club, Kevin Kirk.

Q. I know Kevin real well.

MARK HUBBARD: So I was living in California and the taxes and travel and expenses were killing me, so I knew I needed to get out of there. Seemed like a good place for golf.

Q. Okay. Since you're in this area, you know how the weather changes and everything. Were you kind of a little bit prepared for it?

MARK HUBBARD: Yeah, I think so. I think that's probably one of my favorite things from a golf standpoint about living here in Texas, I think you see every sort of grass, every sort of weather condition. I think golf from Texas just generally travels really well because you're just kind of prepared to face all the elements. You've got to learn how to hit the ball low, you've got to learn how to chip off of thick rough, bermuda, everything. So I definitely felt prepared today.