

TOM HOGE (-8)

Q. When did the magic number get in your head out there today?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, it really wasn't in my head at all until probably 17 tee, after I chipped in there on 16 and I knew it wasn't really a realistic shot just because 17 and 18 are pretty difficult holes here coming in. Especially driving it in the rough there on 17, that kind of went away real fast and all of a sudden trying to figure out how to make pars there coming in.

Q. Did you guys draft off each other a little bit today?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, I was trying to keep up with him a little there on the front nine. He had it going pretty good, making a lot of putts. It helps when your group gets in a little rhythm like that and you can see some putts going in and kind of feeding off that.

Q. Did you see a round like this coming?

TOM HOGE: I really haven't played well since the restart at all, but I felt like last week was kind of a big step forward for me. I felt like I probably played a little better than I scored at Harding Park, and then to play with Tiger on Sunday and get a little confidence from that So I felt like things were going in the right direction again. More than anything, try to keep things going each week as we enter the Playoffs.

Q. Knowing where you are in the FedExCup standings, do you kind of let yourself, your mind go ahead a little bit as to what it could do for you as far as that top-30 number?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, yeah, for sure. That top-30's huge, it gets you in all the events you want to play in the upcoming year. So for me, I know that it's going to take really one good week in the next three to kind of get to that number. I've been trying to practice real hard here starting the last few weeks and really focus here as we get going these weeks really mean a lot for me.

Q. You were born in Statesville, North Carolina. How long were you there?

TOM HOGE: Only about six months. My family moved out early, so I don't really have any memories of Statesville. But the Carolinas have been good to me, I always seem to play well here for whatever reason, so enjoy coming back.

Q. What do you remember about (inaudible) Tiger?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, it was a zoo on Saturday, all the people kind of crammed in here, but just a lot of fun. It's a shame we can't have the same crowds here this year because the people really support this event well and it's always fun to come back to. But for me, it was a big week trying to get into those FedExCup Playoffs that year. Nice to be a little more comfortable this week where I'm not having to worry about that bubble coming into the week.

Q. Do you still have family in North Carolina?

TOM HOGE: I don't, no. Everybody's been North Dakota or kind of scattered about the country.

Q. What would you say is the difference in your game from when you played with Tiger back then versus now?

TOM HOGE: You know, I would say mentally just a little bit better. I felt like physically I've kind of always been there, it's just been a little more maturity, kind of picking your spots a little better if you get out of position, kind of eliminate the bogeys, just kind of fine tune everything. Everything's gotten a little bit better I would say since then.

Q. After the slow start after the resumption of play, anything you're trying to do to bring you out of that slump?

TOM HOGE: Not really, just kind of keep playing and get everything better, because everything was kind of a little bit out of whack I would say.

But I've played a lot. I think this is my eighth event maybe since we restarted out of nine weeks, so I've played just about every week. I knew it was just a matter of time kind of before I found that rhythm again and kind of got back going in the right direction. So it's been nice and hopefully I can keep it going.

Q. (Question about playing with Tiger.)

TOM HOGE: The whole day was great. I wouldn't say anything really stands out, but to be in that experience in a major with Tiger is always a fun spot and one that I'll always cherish.