

TOMMY FLEETWOOD (-7)

Q. Tommy, what was the biggest difference from Round 1 to Round 2 for you?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, I obviously started bad, I was 3 over through nine yesterday. really just in general didn't get off the tee very well. The thing about this course is if you hit it well, we're playing preferred lies and you'll have sort of short irons to wedges in, so you're going to have chances. But if you don't, which I like, to be fair, the rough's thick, it's juicy, a lot of the time you could be hacking out and I pretty much did that for the front nine yesterday. then set a goal yesterday to try to get under par for the day, did that.

Then today, yeah, just got on a really good run. It's difficult sometimes when you start off and you know you have to make birdies. Obviously the scoring, it's actually not overly low, 10 under's leading, but it's so bunched up. So you know the cut mark is going to be a pretty low cut, so you have to be making birdies. it was just nice to get on a run and start with some momentum. I stole a couple of shots really, 12 and 13, which is always nice.

Q. How does that affect your mentality when you're sitting there, you know you need to make birdies. Is that something that you enjoy, that you kind of, you know, you revel in, or is it something like kind of --

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, I think there's two things. First of all, you know that there's birdies out there, so even if you have a mishap, make a mistake or don't quite get off to the start you want, you can make six, seven pars in a row, but you know there's always birdies available on the golf course.

Having said that, you have to stay patient and you have to wait for it if it's not quite happening. I would say that's the challenge really when you know there's a lot of birdies, it's just that staying patient, staying focused. Like last two days I've -- again, not fully comfortable with my golf swing, so keeps you focused on the next shot really. It's not like I'm thinking this is a great birdie chance, I'm focused on the next shot, getting the best out of that and then moving on. Yeah, yeah, it's always great. Looking forward to the weekend.

Q. Something you've done very well I think throughout the last couple years is when you've had a so-so round or bad round, you've bounced back with a very good round. What is it about like when you come off the course and you haven't played a good round, you come back that next day and you kind of thrive?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Well, I'd like to think I'm good at bouncing back, I'd like to do it quicker, I'd like to do it maybe mid round of the first round and not have the bad one. It's just I enjoy practicing, I enjoy getting better. maybe after a bad day, go away and think, all right,

what can I do to improve today. Come out the next day and every day's a fresh start. It's golf really. You go to bed and you wake up the next morning and it's 18 holes of opportunities. Same tomorrow.

Q. Thirty-six holes left here. What's your biggest focus heading into the weekend?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Just the same stuff. I'm just -- working on my game at the moment. Hit it well off the tee, put it in play and give yourself chances. My putting's been really, really good for the two days and I want to keep that up and stay patient, stay very present. It's a very bunched-up leaderboard and I'm in whatever position, but I'm only three off the lead.

People are going to start off fast and people are going to get scores going and all you can do is your thing. So stay focused on myself and hopefully keep days like today going.