

TIM PETROVIC

Q. All right. Great round for you today. Want to start out talking about that eagle?

TIM PETROVIC: Yeah. It's funny you say that, because I called my wife yesterday and I said, "You see my card?" And she goes, "Yeah, you made an eagle." I said, "Yeah, that's part of it, but it was on a par 3." She goes, "Oh, my God, hole-in-one." So there we go. I think they got this one on video, though, so my dad will probably -- he's probably still laying on the floor in his living room right now, watching that one go in.

Q. Love it.

How would you describe your kind of reaction after?

TIM PETROVIC: I heard someone say, "Go in," and I'm like, no, it can't -- there's no way, I just had one yesterday, and it's been six years since I had the one before that. I just flopped on the ground, I think, yeah, and then I kind of got in the fetal position. That's all I could do.

Q. Amazing.

TIM PETROVIC: But nobody came and picked me up. So I kind of picked myself back up again. It was fun. It was a -- you got to get a little lucky, got a little lucky bounce forward. And the greens are firm. And it hit just on, and Billy Ray said it went in right in the middle, just like a -- it was just like a putt.

Q. Hadn't been done on this Tour in 17 years. What did --

TIM PETROVIC: Back-to-back days? I don't know.

Q. In the same tournament.

TIM PETROVIC: There is a stat for everything, I'm sure. There's a stat for anything. I think Arnold Palmer did it. Somebody told me he did it in a tournament like back-to-back days. But that may be the only category that I'm in with him, so --

Q. When you step up to a -- any given par 3, are you expecting to make it, expecting --

TIM PETROVIC: Oh, yeah, we're expecting to make it every time. Come on. Depends

how good you're hitting it. Sometimes we're just trying to hit the green, you know. But we have -- you have a mid iron, trying to get it in there. And the greens are consistently the same firmness. So if you land it in a certain spot, you're going to get -- you're getting a consistent bounce, so it's easier to judge. But for sure you got to get lucky.

Q. You had one of the low rounds -- (inaudible.)

TIM PETROVIC: You know, I played really well. I left a couple -- I was on the doorstep. At 17 I had a 7-iron in and I missed it just a little left of the green and I chipped it but I missed the putt and made par there. And I think I did the same thing on the other par -- was it 12 maybe, the long one? I think I did the same thing. I hit just a great 2-iron from like 280 and put it right in front of the green and chipped it by and missed that one. So I left a couple out there.

Caught a bad break, got a sand divot on one hole, made a bogey. But overall, it was a -- it was a solid day.

Q. You took iron off the tee on 18. Is that your general strategy?

TIM PETROVIC: Well, yes, since I always hit it in the water there, so I -- you hit it down the middle, it goes in the water. You pull it, it goes in the water. You push it, it goes in the water. So, that leaves what? So I hit it -- yeah, I hit it -- today I hit it about 280 into the wind with a 2-iron, so just --

Q. Did you hit the same yesterday?

TIM PETROVIC: No, no. I hit driver and pulled it.

Q. Oh, you did?

TIM PETROVIC: Yeah. Fed the fishies.

Q. What were your expectations heading into this week for yourself?

TIM PETROVIC: You know, I hadn't really played in a couple weeks. I have been home -- well, I have been at our place in Tampa, working on the house. And I have been hitting balls and -- I have been practiced putting. But I didn't really get on the golf course too much the last two weeks. So kind of mixed expectations, you know.

I'm just happy to be out here. We have haven't been out since November. Well, I haven't. I didn't go to Hawaii. So it feels like it's been a year since we have been out here, so --

Q. What does it mean to you to be in contention in the tournament that's so important to your former college teammate?

TIM PETROVIC: Oh, it's awesome. We had a couple people follow us from Cologuard, some survivors, and it was a -- it was emotional from Tee No. 1. So it was great to have them out. And I'm sure it was an emotional day for them, but for us too. We love to have them out here.

Q. You have been runner-up seven times out here. Is there something you can -- is there a lesson that you can take from that and take it into tomorrow that maybe can help you?

TIM PETROVIC: Yeah, just play a little bit better on Sunday or Saturday, I think. Just one shot here, one shot here. You can always look back and -- but I think in a couple of majors a guy went low Sunday. I mean, it was nothing I did wrong. But not so much I lost it, I just got beat. Just got to say, "Hey, great playing." You can't play defense in golf, so --

Q. Last time, (inaudible) second place this last year (inaudible).

TIM PETROVIC: Oh, yeah. Yeah, I know. I know. Well, nobody likes lefties anyway, so --

No, it was great. It was fun to play with him. We hadn't played together in probably eight or nine years. And I didn't realize he was turning 50, but -- so he's -- he's almost as old as me now. But, no, he still gets it out there. We are still getting it out there pretty good, so --