

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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ANDY NORTH (+7)

Q. Andy, your first start in a while here in a place you know so well. Just your thoughts on the day?

ANDY NORTH: I played poorly. My body didn't react very well all day. It was sure fun playing with Larry and Jay, we've done this a lot of times. But yeah, it's disappointing not to play a little bit better, but hopefully I can get my body to work better tomorrow.

Q. You went into this with low expectations, but you're a competitor.

ANDY NORTH: Yeah. Obviously have done this forever, but at the same time you still can hit a few shots. I mean, I putted awful and my body didn't react well at all today. Just happy to finish the round.

Q. Still get mad at bogeys?

ANDY NORTH: Sure. You try not to, but it's disappointing not to play a little better. Yeah, figure out some way to play better the next few days.

Q. What did it feel like on the first tee when they announced your name?

ANDY NORTH: It was nice, it was fun. It wasn't, you know, like oh, my God, what am I doing here? We've done this a few times. But it was fun to try to play decent, and I just couldn't do it today, it just didn't work.

Q. Seemed like on the back nine you were kind of getting into a rhythm but then the rain delay happens. Did that kind of throw you off?

ANDY NORTH: Actually, I was actually -- I got my daughter to work on me on my back during that delay. Came back out and actually played the last five holes pretty well. I missed a three-footer for a birdie on 16 and an eight-footer for birdie on 17 and took three from the edge at 18 after what I thought was a pretty good shot, just got caught up in the right-hand fringe. You know, hit some decent shots on those other holes we had to play. So I was pleased with what we did after the delay, but I couldn't make a swing. My back wasn't good at all all day long. Hopefully we can get it better tomorrow.

Q. (No microphone.)

ANDY NORTH: Yeah, I walked the last five holes. Every bump I hit, it bothered it, and you get positions in the cart that -- but I was trying to be smart. Old guy out here in 94 degrees,

you're trying to get through three days. But obviously it's very disappointing not to play better, but at the same time, you know, you don't like to see your name at the bottom of the list.

Q. Were there any hits from a tee box that stood out to you that you can take some positives from?

ANDY NORTH: You know, I hit some better shots at the end. I hit some nice tee shots, I just couldn't make a swing early on. I'm sure there were a couple of solid shots out there, but there weren't very many. It was just kind of slapping it around. I hit two or three good tee shots coming in. I hit a good tee shot on the last hole, I hit a good tee shot at 16, good tee shot at 15, hit some good iron shots. I really played the last five holes well enough to be a couple under par and I played it one over and that's kind of how it goes.

Q. On No. 6 I thought you hit two really good shots, then you had that pitch into the par 5. Was that the (inaudible)?

ANDY NORTH: I was really pleased with those two shots. I thought I hit a decent third shot, it really skidded. And if it carried on the green, it's going to be 25 or 30 feet by. One of those that if you hit a bit softer, you've got a chance to make birdie. Maybe you would do something differently coming in that nine. It was just a struggle all day. Andrea worked on my back two or three times and it helped somewhat. She unfortunately didn't show up until like 8. She worked in between the delay and it got a little bit better. Hopefully it will get better tonight.

Q. A couple of the tee shots that left went, is that rust?

ANDY NORTH: No, it's just my back catches. Everything stops. Unfortunately, I understand that one.

Q. I understand the competitor in you, but is there any part of you saying forget it, who cares?

ANDY NORTH: No, absolutely not. My goal is to try to shoot my age three times and now I've got to do it twice, so see if we can do that.