

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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TALOR GOOCH (-5)



Q. Delay to the start of the round, but 5 under coming into the clubhouse.

TALOR GOOCH: It was good. Like anyone would take 65 any day of the week on the PGA TOUR. It was a good day. Always great to start the week off with a low one, feel like you get a little bit ahead of the ballgame. Yeah, it was a good day.

Q. A string of birdies going on there. What was clicking?

TALOR GOOCH: Yeah, I had a couple bogeys prior to that where I only had really one bad shot today and it led to a bogey. The next couple holes after that is when I got a few putts to drop. At the end of the day with how I was hitting it today, it was just a matter of how many putts I was going to get to drop and I happened to make, you know, three in a row, so that's always nice, always helpful.

Q. And previous starts this season, you've been doing well. What was the confidence and takeaway from those?

TALOR GOOCH: Yeah, anytime you're playing well you try to grab on to that momentum, and it can be tough to take it week to week in golf because there's such a pause between tournament round and the next week's tournament starting. So you just try to do everything you can to keep doing the same things. I've been able to keep doing that through the stretch, so hopefully we can continue it for the rest of this week.

Q. Did the early rain affect greens or anything early on?

TALOR GOOCH: Oh, for sure, there was way too much rain for it to not affect. I mean, we were talking about it, we played lift, clean and place today because anytime you're in the fairway, it was not even a mud ball, like bad mud ball. So we were talking, my caddie and I, we were like it could be another day or two with how much rain or how much moisture's in the ground right now before we don't see mud balls. So it will be interesting what the Tour decides on that.

Q. What did you think of the course?

TALOR GOOCH: It's one of my favorite places. I grew up on a city golf course back where I'm from. I wasn't a country club kid, so it's nice kind of feeling like I'm getting back to my roots. Obviously this one's a little bit nicer than what I grew up on, a little bit more challenging, but it's just nice rolling up and feeling like this is kind of similar to what I grew up playing.

Q. What do you think of the slopes of the greens?

TALOR GOOCH: Yeah, it can get really tough in spots. You've got to be very, very careful of where you're leaving yourself. And if it wasn't for the rain, it would have obviously been playing a lot tougher around the greens because when it gets firm and fast around here, it's too undulating to be easy. It's a challenge, it's a really good challenge.