

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW

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TIM HERRON (-5)



TIM HERRON: Started making some putts. I actually in the pro-am struggled a little bit yesterday with the speed and the grain and stuff. Worked a little bit yesterday afternoon after the pro-am and then I just started -- I was just trying to roll the ball and hit the right speed and my speed got pretty good today.

Q. Seems like with the family here, it's a pretty calm attitude for you.

TIM HERRON: Oh, really? Don't think I was too upset today, no. I was trying to stay patient. I'm trying to get a little more momentum and I think I did today. So, you know, it's a hard golf course. I've got to stay very patient out here, there's some tough holes. You know, just get some birdie opportunities and keep rolling the ball well.

Q. Have you done anything differently going into this week?

TIM HERRON: Well, I practiced harder last week. Being from Minnesota, I actually went down to Arizona. I watched my kid play a college event in Tucson and then I practiced for almost a whole week. I think that probably helped. I still didn't feel quite prepared coming here. I did with my long game but not with my short game, but anyways, I think probably just that helped. I started hitting the ball more solid going into today.

Q. What do you have to look forward to for the weekend?

TIM HERRON: You know, if I can just keep driving the ball well, I'll give myself some opportunities. And hopefully the greens stay the same and I keep seeing the line and putting it on that line.

Q. Everybody seems like they're saying this plays like a typical Nicklaus course. What did you see out there today?

TIM HERRON: Yeah, I do like Nicklaus golf courses. I generally fade it a little bit off the tee, so all the hard shots are fades, so I do like that. Besides 17 and 9, I think 9's a pretty hard drive. We're going to have some good weather, so hopefully I can keep some good rhythm and get some good lies and some good bounces and have a good weekend.

Q. The old adage about not being able to win a golf tournament on the first day. With that being said, being able to put yourself in this kind of position, what do you look forward to this weekend?

TIM HERRON: Yeah, especially out here you've got to put yourself in position. Anytime, any

place, these guys are really good. They can shoot 62, no problem. Just got to keep plugging away and keep playing. So I think the golf course looked pretty difficult for some of the guys and just happy to be in the position I'm in.

Q. Your driver was working pretty well, too. Three under for you today on the four par 5s. Did you feel kind of that driver working on the practice range this morning?

TIM HERRON: Yeah, yeah, the last few days the driver felt pretty good. Just hoping to keep the same tempo and, you know, keep the ball rolling on the green.