

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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CALLUM TARREN (-8)

Q. Always good to be bogey free, so far the round of the day, just kind of a general assessment heading into the weekend.

CALLUM TARREN: I think I've only had one bogey over two rounds, so game's in a good place. I'm hitting plenty of fairways, plenty of greens and, like you said, I'm in a good position going into the weekend.

Q. I know big couple next weeks for you sitting just outside 125. How much are you thinking about that? How much is that on the mind when you're out there this week?

CALLUM TARREN: If I'm being truthfully honest, I'm not because I've got everything to gain, nothing to lose. I'm in a position now where if worst comes to worst, I'm probably back to Korn Ferry Finals or even could be from 126 to 150. So my goal is to get in the 125. And other goal is to win, so I've got nothing to lose and a lot to gain. Yeah, I'm just going to keep the foot to the floor and make as many birdies as possible.

Q. One off the course record I think today, what was working well for you today?

CALLUM TARREN: Everything. I drove it super straight in the fairways, long. Approaches, I hit every green today, so I had so many chances. I actually missed probably four or five inside 10 feet, so it could have been ridiculous.

Q. Did you know coming to 18 to tie the tournament record was out there for a birdie?

CALLUM TARREN: No, I didn't.

Q. Or with a putt, either?

CALLUM TARREN: No idea.

Q. What was the lie like on 18 off the tee into the rough?

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, it was dead, I had nothing. I hit pitching wedge because I literally could not advance it any further. And that's what it's like out here, one yard out of the fairway you're in deep gunk. If you miss it a bit wide, sometimes you can get a lie. But yeah, 18's one of those holes, risk-reward. Even if you hit it in the fairway, it's not a given birdie. Like I said, me and my caddie decided we'll lay up and give ourselves a good number. Didn't hit the best wedge shot third shot, but happy with my day.

Q. After that putt there for birdie, it was pretty darn close.

CALLUM TARREN: It looked like it was just going to break to the right and it obviously just pulled off to the left there. Speed's been good today and, like I say, I've holed my fair share of putts out there. It's been coming. First round, I'm not sure what the stats are like, but yesterday I played exactly like I did today. I missed more fairways, but approach play was on the number, so I came off yesterday so frustrated.

And that was a new putter yesterday. It went straight back into the locker, so I got the old fateful back out and yeah, happy with that.

Q. Which is the old one?

CALLUM TARREN: Old faithful's Odyssey No. 7. I've had it for -- since China days, so I've had it for seven or eight years now. It got me out here. Sometimes it just needs to be benched just to fire itself back up, so it worked.

Q. What made you decide to put it back in the bag?

CALLUM TARREN: Because I putted so bad yesterday. I didn't putt so bad, I just didn't hole anything. I think I holed two putts yesterday, two one-putts. It felt like I didn't know what it was doing, not used to it. It's something new for me, so I just kind of thought, yeah, it's time to put the old one back in.

Q. These three weeks that you have ahead of you, is it similar to last summer when we were with you and do you have a comparison, can you draw off of it and the success you had in Columbus?

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, I think so. I mean, obviously this time last year was a crazy time in my life, had our first child and getting my PGA Tour card. But like you said, I'm in a good spot mentally, physically, my game's good, so I've got nothing to worry about. Caddie keeps saying to me you should be in contention every week. It's literally the game is in a very, very good spot. I don't know what it is, but I feel calm, I feel chilled, I feel confident. Yeah, I know the position I'm in, but like I've said, got everything to gain, nothing to lose, so I'm just going to keep rolling with that.

Q. You had a couple rounds approaching this neighborhood back-to-back at the John Deere, didn't you?

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, I played solid at the John Deere, finished sixth I think. I think I can draw off that because Sunday didn't quite go my way, I missed a couple of shots coming down the stretch, but I think my mindset over the weekend is just going to be pedal to the floor. Like you say, my game's in a good spot where I can, I think I can do pretty good.

Q. Are you not worried about the bubble because you're trending up where some

guys have been kind of hanging around there for the last month and it's probably getting to them, whereas you know. Is there something to be said about your confidence?

CALLUM TARREN: Oh, for sure. Just look at the last two, three months. I led the U.S. Open through 33 holes, felt super comfortable. I finished 30th, which is still a good result. John Deere. Last week I played three awesome rounds of golf, just had one bad round, which was the second day. Yeah, I've got this, there's plenty of good golf in there and there's plenty of good rounds, but I think putting four of them together is probably the hardest thing in the game. But hopefully, fingers crossed, my average round was yesterday and I can just keep kicking on.

Q. Do you look at the numbers at all in the standings or do you not follow it?

CALLUM TARREN: I mean, I know where I am and I asked the question to the commissioner, Jay, of what's going to happen with the guys, the LIV guys. So I know what's going on, but I don't look at it on the golf course because one hole you can go from being inside the number to being outside the number. I think a good solid week this week will take care of things.

Q. What would it mean for you to get (inaudible)?

CALLUM TARREN: It would be incredible, that was one of my goals from the start of the season and after eight events, missing eight cuts in a row didn't look very promising. I always knew my game's good enough. Yeah, another goal of mine is to win, so why not do both at the same time.

Q. The conditions looked a little easier this morning with the wind down a little bit. Did you think a 63 was out there?

CALLUM TARREN: Yeah, based off yesterday of how solid I played and how my game is at the moment, I was going to hit a lot of fairways and have a lot of wedges. I left probably four or five out there and that's not -- that's not overexaggerating, I actually did. But that's golf and I'm happy with 63, 8 under. In a good position moving into moving day tomorrow.