

DAVID TOMS (-7)

Q. David, if I saw correctly, you hit all 18 greens in regulation today; is that right?

DAVID TOMS: When you're playing well, you don't pay attention to all those things, you just add them up at the end, or you try to. Try not to add them up before you get finished.

Yeah, just played real solid, I kept the ball in play. I got a couple of breaks I guess on 17, which was my eighth hole. I thought I was in the fairway bunker and I kind of got in between the bunkers, which is a break. I hit it right of the green, it kicked down on the green, had a makeable birdie putt.

But then I hit two par 5s today in two, No. 18 and then No. 7, my 16th hole. Three-putted both of them. Even though I was just off the edge a couple inches, I feel I hit them in two. Anytime I can hit a par-5 anywhere near the green in two, I claim it. Yeah, so three-putted those, so I didn't really take advantage of those opportunities.

Yeah, just a lot of good golf. A lot of balls in the fairway, a lot of balls, like you said, on the green. I made a couple putts, I missed my share, but just all in all it was just a good solid round.

Q. This is becoming a common occurrence having you come in to see us. You're on a heater.

DAVID TOMS: Yeah. Well, I mean, that's what -- that's what I tried to do when I was on the Tour. When you felt good about your game, you needed to capitalize on it. When you were confident, you needed to play well. There's so many days that can beat you up and you can't score that when you are playing well, you need to take advantage of it.

That's where I feel like I am right now. I feel good about my tee ball, I feel good about iron shots, judging distance properly, speed's been pretty good on the greens lately and I've made my fair share. It's just, like you said, you called it a heater, I guess that's what it is. It's just the fact that I'm just playing good golf right now.

Q. Is it a mental thing, though, when you get on that first tee, it's like hey, I'm good, let's go?

DAVID TOMS: Well, I think in a way your expectations are obviously higher, but that can be a bad thing. You've still got to hit the shots, can't get ahead of yourself. If it's a hole where you need to make par, you can't be trying to make birdie and things like that. You've got to recover when you get in trouble and have enough play to your strengths and things



like that even though you might be scoring well. That's what's going on right now, it's not any more than that. Just maybe a little more confidence and things feel good.

Q. (Inaudible) so much from winning the PGA. Is it fun to play in Georgia? Does it bring back good memories coming back here?

DAVID TOMS: Yeah, it was great. Obviously winning the PGA was big in my career to win a major championship, but at the same time I won at Callaway Gardens not far south of here early in my career against a really good field and it was my second win that year after the International and that really kind of gave me a lot of confidence moving forward. Then a couple years later I won three times, including a major.

I've always loved coming to the area. I wouldn't say -- I mean, the grasses are similar to where I live, I wouldn't say the terrain. I mean, an anthill is an elevation in Louisiana, but for me I've just always enjoyed coming here. I always used to make comment about the sweet tea in Georgia, but my wife won't let me drink that anymore now that I've gotten old, I try to stay away from it. Certainly I've always enjoyed coming to the Atlanta area.

Q. In your long and outstanding career, is this the best start to a season that you can remember?

DAVID TOMS: Yeah, probably so. I mean, I never really played great on the west coast, never won a tournament in Florida on the Tour. Yeah, I guess so. It's got to be -- that's exactly what it is, it's just a really good start.

I enjoy playing out here. I was talking to Ernie and his caddie. They played at the RBC down at Hilton Head a few weeks ago and he's like, man, they didn't really feel like they belonged out there anymore. It's just kind of this is where we all belong, it's where we enjoy playing. It's a fun week with all the stuff going on. Our pro-ams, meet a lot of nice people, ride around in a golf cart for much of the week and just play some fun golf and we get to compete. That's where I am in my career and I look forward to teeing it up every time that I commit to a tournament.

Q. Try to come back and get this one, it seemed like last year you almost let that one get away?

DAVID TOMS: Yeah, Steve played really well on Sunday to come from behind, I remember that. I remember playing decent golf. I mean, obviously didn't have a hot round, but I never got in trouble. I don't know if I shot a couple under par or something like that, I'd have to look back at it, but felt like I didn't lose the golf tournament but I just didn't win it. That's usually the way it is on Sunday out here. You've got guys with three rounds, a lot of people are close. Even though you're the leader, you've got to go out and win the tournament, it's like that every Sunday.

