

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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THOMAS DETRY (-9)

Q. Thomas, nice day today, tied for the lead into the final round. What's it mean to be in this position? What have you done well all week to get yourself here?

THOMAS DETRY: Probably starting the week, my putting was great, got some great up-and-downs. I felt like overall today tee to green my game was much better, I hit a lot of greens today, a lot of looks for birdie. A little bit outside looks, to be honest, just kind of outside 20 fetal every time. I felt like my iron shots were much stronger, good off the tee as well. Left a couple of putts short, but overall really pleased with the way I am right now. I think it's third time I'm in contention since the start of the year, or at least within the final group. Yeah, I think I've learned from my experiences and hopefully I can post a number tomorrow.

Q. Wearing the orange glove out there, was that for the Illini?

THOMAS DETRY: Yeah, playing at 5:00 p.m. tonight. What time is it now? 5:30, so I think the game has started. Yeah, it was kind of a little wink to the team and to my coach and say I'm there supporting them. I think they're playing a tough team today as well so good luck to them.

Q. The 15th hole, it was the toughest hole out there today and especially those last two groups, I don't think anybody hit the green. What makes it that difficult of a hole from 120 yards away?

THOMAS DETRY: There's just no miss, you have to hit the perfect shot, flight it perfectly. The wind kind of died towards the middle of the round and it picked back up again with gusts. Obviously it's kind of an arena there so you don't feel anything on the tee box, you're kind of guessing from the trees around you how the wind is blowing.

I feel like I was kind of playing for a little bit past. I hit a great shot, it just took a bounce, but I kind of left myself the easiest up and down on the hole. I overheard Scottie hitting it in the water. Tony hit a great shot in there, caught a gust short as well in the water. It was by far the toughest pin in the whole day today. It was just one not to be cute and take your medicine and try to make three.

Q. I know the wind is supposed to be up a little bit tomorrow. Do you enjoy playing in windier conditions or is that something you find yourself having to focus more?

THOMAS DETRY: I actually enjoy it, I enjoy the challenge. I seem to do better at courses where the scoring isn't so low, I feel like I don't have to go and chase birdies. I feel like with



pars like I'm moving up the leaderboard almost. Seems to be the best formula for me to play well. So windy conditions means that pars are good and for some reason it seems to work better for me. I played well in the wind last week, played great in the wind yesterday, striking the ball well, so I think it's paying off and I think it should be a fun challenge tomorrow.

