

FEBRUARY 14, 2010
INTERVIEW WITH TOMMY ARMOUR, III

Q. Well, Tommy, thanks for joining us. I guess couldn't do much more out there than throw a 61 up there.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I don't know.

Q. Finish one --

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I couldn't get more out of it.

Q. Just maybe talk about your day. It looks like five, six --

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Nine birdies and an eagle. You know, birdied half of them and one more. You know, I played well. I didn't miss too many shots. I played solid. A couple of wedges I could have hit a little closer, but made a couple of putts, it all evens out. I was happy with the round obviously.

Q. When did you get an idea you were getting close or tied?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I never looked at the board all day because I knew Fred was going to shoot higher than 66, so I pretty much -- he started at 9. I figured 15 was as high as he was going to shoot, yeah, as high as he was going to shoot, so I figured I had to get below 15 and I did, but he's a pretty awesome player.

Q. Comparing this golf course and today's conditions versus the two days prior, a lot of wind really affected this course. Does it really play that much easier for you? Is it that benign of a golf course for you to play?

A. No, you've just got certain holes you've got to hit good shots. But other than that, you know, obviously I think if the wind would have blown like it did yesterday and the day before, I don't think 17 under would have been the winning score, but it laid down a little bit today. It's in good shape, so you can go get it.

Q. How much fun was that?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: It was fun, you know. I like to play golf, so it's all fun.

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Q. Such a hot streak you got on. On 18 you were just a little short of coming up to that flag.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I just wanted to give myself an opportunity to make a birdie. I've been putting good all day. I didn't want to hit it long, which it was kind of a -- I just, you know, I maybe could have hit one more club, but I didn't want to bring the back into

play because that's no good going over that green.

Q. It's hard after a 61 to think of another birdie you might have had.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I was just hitting one shot at a time, that old cliché, and that's what I thought the best club for that shot was.

Q. What did you have and what did you hit?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I hit 149 yards and I hit a 9 iron.

Q. Do you think this course sets up well for the style of game that you play?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Any course sets up well if you're driving it well, hitting good irons and putt good. It's the truth, you adapt to the course.

Q. You said on Wednesday or Thursday you weren't sure how competitive you would definitely be out here.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I didn't say that.

Q. Or you intended on being competitive.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I intended on being competitive. I never at any point didn't think I would be competitive.

Q. What you had in mind for your debut, maybe confirmation for you?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: 2 shots lower would have been, but you know, it will do.

Q. This was your Champions Tour debut?

A. Yeah.

Q. Could you talk about your relationship with Fred?

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TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I've known Fred since we were in college, we used to room together in amateur tournaments and stuff. So I've known Fred for a long time and we spend time together every now and then, you know. He's about four or five days older than me.

Q. Any better person you think you'd like to have kind of a shoot-out with going back to your college days?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Fred's great, I've known him a long time, we've had a lot of fun together over the years. I wish he would have shot two shots higher.

Q. You'll be discussing that over some drinks tonight.

Q. Was there a text message sent we heard?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: He sent me, "Since we're here, let's have some fun and play good."

Q. What did he say to you after?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: He goes, "Wow," and I said, "Good playing."

Q. Is there any consolation prize knowing you set the course record today despite not winning?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: You know, what's the course record?

Q. You have it now.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: That's great.

Q. Do you remember your birdies? Finished front nine, you started at number -- par 3.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Par 3 I hit it in there about 9 feet.

Q. Do you remember what you hit?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I hit an 8 iron.

Q. And then the eagle?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I hit driver, 5 wood just a hair

left of the green and made a 40 footer.

Q. And 8 and 9?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: 8, I hit in there -- 8, I hit it about 3 feet out of the fairway bunker, and 9, I made about a 16-footer.

Q. And do you remember 12, the par 5?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: There I hit driver, 5 wood just short and left of the green, putted it up there about 12 feet. It was sitting actually in an old ball mark, so it kind of hit and popped up in the air. I was actually kind of worried about hitting it twice because it was sitting in a ball mark and you swing at that and it pops up, so I kind of just punched it and it came up short but I made the putt, so...

Q. And then the next, 14, that par 5?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Didn't I birdie the par 3 in between there?

Q. 15, you did.

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Oh, I birdied -- oh, that's right, yeah. The par 5 I hit it down there and I had about 260 to the front edge, 258, and I just decided to lay up and I hit a wedge in there about two feet.

Q. And then the par 3?

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TOMMY ARMOUR, III: I hit a very nice 5 iron about 12 feet left of the hole and made that.

Q. And then 16 and 17, the par 4s?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: 16, 16 I hit sand wedge a little bit past the hole, about 18 feet past the hole and then I made that, and then on 17 I hit it about 15 feet right of the hole and made that.

Q. Of all the shots you just talked about, what do you think was the best?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: The best? I hit a lot of good ones today. The 5 iron I hit into 15 was a pretty nice golf shot, I drew that one in. And the par 3 before that, I cut the 5 iron in. I had control of the ball today. I

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hit a nice cut shot and a nice draw in two holes, three holes. Making the eagle was a nice kind of pick-me-up.

Q. Was that kind of what propelled you into the back side?

TOMMY ARMOUR, III: Anytime you make an eagle it's always good. I was just trying to hit -- you know, it's an old cliché, one shot at a time. I didn't get ahead of myself, just play.

Q. Thanks, Tommy. Appreciate it.

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