

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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DANNY LEE (-8)



Q. Two rounds of 67 with two completely different days of golf. How would you describe your position through 36 holes?

DANNY LEE: Definitely where I'm at is a very good spot to be in after first two rounds. It was definitely a lot more gettable today than yesterday. Yesterday was -- it was hard to walk on some of the holes. It was definitely a lot easier today, I just made a couple silly mistakes on the first nine holes and I wasn't -- I was hitting a lot of good putts, I just didn't make anything until I holed it out from 90 yards on No. -- it was my back nine, so No. 5. I was just grinding it out there. I haven't seen the weekend in a while, so I was just trying to make the cut and all of a sudden after that hole-out on No. 5, everything just went smoothly.

Q. It's hard to get starts right now obviously for you, you have to be ready when you have these sort of weeks. What has the preparation been like to play well this week?

DANNY LEE: Same thing. I think I want to play every week because I like to play every week. I think after Napa, I think I almost took like a month off, three weeks off, a month off, I can't actually --

Q. A long time?

DANNY LEE: Yeah, quite a long time for me. I did a lot of workouts and I was trying to gain a little bit more of ball speed. I was hitting it good, too. So I don't know, maybe this is going to be my thing, we'll see.

Q. What was your mentality after you made that double? Did you think it's still early in the round that we can get this back?

DANNY LEE: For me, I just -- to be honest, I haven't really made the cut in a while and I haven't played in a while, so I was just trying to make it to the weekend. I was just grinding it out. That one lucky shot on No. 5 and that just kept going, like momentum was building in positive ways and kept making putts and a lot of birdies coming in.

Q. Isn't it the weird thing about golf about how a shot like that can kind of just spark everything else and putts started kind of dropping?

DANNY LEE: Yeah. It's funny, I wasn't hitting like bad putts at all on the front nine when I had all those short birdie chances, but just seems like there's a little bit of misread and a little bit of different speed control. It was just this much different, I guess.

Q. You mentioned obviously not playing a lot recently because of the injury, maybe not playing the weekend. What's your mentality as you head into the weekend as you are close to the lead?

DANNY LEE: Obviously where I'm at, it's hard to not think about like holding a trophy on Sunday, but I just kept my head down and stay out of my way and just do what I've been doing the last couple days.

Can I add something?

I've been getting a lot of DMs about No. 10. I mean, hitting up on the -- running up on the green. At that time when we showed up on No. 10, I mean, first of all, I apologized to everybody and I apologized to Scott. I watched it on TV too, how close it almost hit him. I mean, Jesus, thank God it didn't hit him.

But at the time when we showed up on the 10th tee, they weren't even on the fairway. I gave another five to seven minutes and then I hit my first one way right, hit the cart path, went 90 yards right. So even then no one said, "They're still on the green, you should wait," or anything like that.

So I obviously hit my provisional, hit a better line, better shot, landed on the green and some of the people were like, "What are you doing? Like did you not know they were on the green?"

But I didn't, I honestly didn't. I wasn't trying to kill anybody out there, that's not my intention. I'm just trying to come out here like rest of other players, just play my best golf possible. That was my intention. I apologized to everybody. I just want to make sure that I apologize to everybody. I mean, there's no excuse for it, it's my fault hitting up there, but I just want to clarify things.