## ROUND 2 INTERVIEW October 29, 2021

## **DAVID SKINNS (-8)**



Q. David, good position through 36 holes. Congratulations on a good start.

**DAVID SKINNS:** Thank you. Yeah, appreciate it. It was a solid two days. We got a bit of a break yesterday afternoon, which was nice. Yeah, this morning was good. A couple of mistakes, but I played pretty decent all day.

Q. How did you adjust to this golf course? The greens, obviously they can allow to be a little bit speedier today because of the winds being down and you can attack this place. What changed from yesterday to today in terms of how you had to approach the golf course?

**DAVID SKINNS:** Not a lot really because they set some of the holes up that are harder a little easier yesterday, so they played almost the same today; like 16 was all the way back. So some holes played just as hard as they did yesterday, but yeah, on some of the par 4s you could be more aggressive. I'm not playing as aggressively as some people off the tee, but with the wind being down, they could trick the pins up just a tiny bit more, which they did to a point, not a lot. Yeah, it was a little more gettable, but those harder holes still played hard because they moved the tees back.

Q. People have really gotten to know your story, it's been such a fun couple of months to sort of learn about you. What has the last couple of weeks been like learning your way onto the PGA TOUR to play good golf this week?

**DAVID SKINNS:** It's been good. With the story that you guys did on me a few days ago, it was great. It was something new for me and it was nice to have the film crew at home, it was fun. Not everyone gets to see that side of it, so it was great. I'm more than a golfer as I'm sure everyone can appreciate. It's nice that everyone gets to see what else goes into it.

Yeah, two good weeks at home, two and a half good weeks at home is always good for me. It kind of settles the mind. It's just preparing for me. There's nothing really different, you're still playing golf and when you're playing good golf, it translates most places and I like to think my game can translate most places. So yeah, two and a half weeks off is great for me.

## Q. Just assess your round today.

**DAVID SKINNS:** It was solid. I got off to a decent start, which was nice. Kind of the wind was down so I think a lot of people felt like they needed to get off to a good start today. I played pretty decent. Didn't play the par 3s that well, but they moved the tees back on some of the harder par 3s today, which made them play every bit as hard as they did yesterday.

Yeah, a couple of -- putt speed on the eighth hole there was really my only blemish. Yeah, it was solid.

## Q. We've heard your story, it's well known. How have you kind of acclimated yourself to the Tour (inaudible)?

**DAVID SKINNS:** I'm feeling pretty comfortable. And I said this last week, that's half the battle is having out here feel ordinary. I played so many Korn Ferry Tour events that it feels ordinary out there for me and that's the battle is to get to ordinary. I'm sure Tiger Woods felt every single movement was ordinary to him because he's seen everything. That's kind of where we all want to get to. We want to be in those moments, but have them feel like you've been there before. We go week by week.

Q. Does it help kind of having some familiar faces, players that you came up with on the Korn Ferry Tour, guys that are rookies together? Does the familiarity kind of help you with things not just on the course but off the course?

**DAVID SKINNS:** Yeah, it's always great to have some friends around. Yeah, my good friend Callum Tarren and I are rooming together this week, so yeah, it's nice to have familiar faces. And yeah, like I said before, that kind of helps with that normality feeling. Yeah, it's good to see some friendly faces and that's kind of the groups we get paired with each week, so not that it feels like Korn Ferry Tour, but it's kind of a bridge in between almost.

Q. You're in a great position heading into the weekend. How do you feel your game is stacking up so far and your mindset heading into --

**DAVID SKINNS:** Yeah, it's been solid. A few shots I'd like to have back, but everyone would. There's been a lot of knockdown shots these first two days, less so today. Wind was down a little, but some of those holes are still playing hard. We'll see what the weekend brings weather-wise. I think it's going to be windier again, so yeah, I think it's going to be a lot more punch shots, which I'm okay with.