

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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DOUG BARRON (-12)

Q. We'll get started with Doug Barron here. Eagle at the last to take the lead.

DOUG BARRON: That was fun, that was fun.

Q. Can you tell us a little bit about your round today?

DOUG BARRON: I played really nice today. I hit the ball solid all day. I did make a bogey, but I still hit a good shot on the hole and I made bogey. I just didn't get up and down.

I'm fine where I'm at. I did look at the leaderboard going into 18, I wanted to be in the final group, so I think the only way, my only path to the final group was to make eagle, so I can't believe I did it, that was pretty cool. You want to be in the final group out here on this tour. There's so many great players. I had a great day. I played solid, I hung in there. Yesterday I started fast, today I finished fast. It was a pretty cool day.

Q. What, if any, decision other than your drive on 18 makes you decide to go for the green in two?

DOUG BARRON: Well, I go for everything. That's maybe my weakness out here, I don't lay up very much. I think Lanny Wadkins would agree with me. It was an easy hybrid. If I hit my hybrid solid, it was a perfect club. Obviously you saw where it landed. I thought the odds were in my favor to land on land, but when you go for something like that, you have to accept the fact that sometimes it's not going to land on land.

So my friend Wes Short hit the shot of a lifetime last year and I think he hit a great shot, we've talked about it many times. It would have landed in the hazard, but I thought I had the odds in my favor, so I go for it when I think the odds are in my favor. I'm an aggressive player because, you know, I haven't won 45 times like my friend over there on the putting green, so I'm trying to win. The only way to beat these guys is to hit better shots than them.

Q. Safe to say you'll go for it again tomorrow if you get the chance?

DOUG BARRON: Absolutely. I hope I don't have to go for it tomorrow, but there's so many people bunched up, I just figured I've got to get as many under as I can until the last three holes tomorrow and see what I've got to do. I mean, there's a lot of guys that have a chance to win this tournament. I'm not taking any trophy home yet, there's a lot of work to do. I'm pretending like -- I know what I want to get to, so I'm not going to worry about it until I get there.

Q. (No microphone.)

DOUG BARRON: Well, one, you know this, my story's different than others. I won my second tournament out here, so I should be pretty appreciative every week.

That being said, I'm pretty hard on myself sometimes, so I got out there today and got off to a slow start. I was four behind, but it's like I told Cameron Beckman a few weeks ago when he won, I said, Cameron, it's never over until it's over. These guys are just like you and me, they're human. So I never quit, I never give up. I wanted to -- I was trying my heart out just to get into the final group. I didn't think I would catch Billy by the end of the day and I ended up getting lucky. The facts are there's a lot of golf left, we know that. I just wanted to be in the final group to see what I've got to do tomorrow.

Q. What do you call that, a calculated risk with some of the aggressiveness, or would you say a little bit of luck?

DOUG BARRON: Yeah, I'm never going to do something stupid. I'm a calculated risk guy. If I think I can do it, I think the odds are in my favor, I think go for it's the way to go. I don't ever go for it if I think I've got a less than 50 percent chance. Yeah, I'm an aggressive guy that does the best I can with what I've got.

My coach gave me a great -- I got to give a shout out to my coach this week. He gave me one stupid tip, just move the ball one inch forward all week, and my ball flight's going like there and I'm all of a sudden holding 5-irons and hitting cuts. So Sean Webb. I was hitting the ball a little lower than I liked, and these greens are so firm and all of a sudden now I'm hitting the green and they're holding with longer shots in and then my driver's going a little bit higher, so it means it's going a little bit farther. So it's been pretty cool, so I gave him a little shout-out.