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Q It's been quite a week, out of the field, in the field, I guess you've adjusted well to circumstances this week?

THOMAS BLIZZARD: Yeah, it was difficult, got the call Wednesday night, Wednesday afternoon, saying I was in it. So obviously chuffed with that. Draw was a bit difficult on the first day, going out in the second-to-last group. So PGA Championship was quite slow. So it was difficult, really, to get momentum. I probably played some of my better golf on the first day. Started really well. I was 1-under through six and then just waiting. The par 5, 6 and the par 3, 7, it gets backed up around there. We were waiting ten, 15 minutes on quite a lot of tee shots, and it's really difficult, any golfer will know, to keep momentum. I was fairly happy with this week. It just wasn't quite meant to be.

Q You've come away tied third, building on what you did last year, shows you can compete at this level again.

THOMAS BLIZZARD: It's definitely playing tougher than it was last year. It was softer last year. Kind of played into my hands. Driver is one of my assets and I was restricted on that this year with how firm the ground was. Whenever I hit it, it was probably my best club in my bag. Was restricted. Took a few bad bounces and quite a few bad lies. Cost me being in with a chance.

But look, when it's not meant to be, it's not meant to be, and being able to hold my head up high and said a fairly decent week is the most important thing.

Q What are the strengths to your game and how much do you take from this week going ahead?

THOMAS BLIZZARD: Well, I was really, really solid tee-to-green. I was so many unfortunate lies. If I hit one errant shot it was normally ending up in a different.

Today I started on 1, hitting a slight pull off the tee, with a bit of a hook but wasn't too bad. It's then taken a bad bounce left on top of that and finished in a bush, able to hit out sideways, get down the hill in a divot at the box the hill. That's a great start. Chunk it into the bunker. Make double.

But something that's been really positive this week was the bounce back ability when I had a couple bad holes or three-holes stretches, I normally steadied the ship really, really well. My iron play helped today. I hit it to a couple feet on two which is a really tough hole and did that several times after bad holes.

Q Last year you had all your exams. What is it like, how much was it different not having that this year?

THOMAS BLIZZARD: It's been frustrating because I've been coming into this event playing some performance my best golf. This week was an 8-over finish. It was the highest I could have possibly finished to be quite honest with you.

I left millions of shots out there. If you said at the start of the week, you were going to play good golf and shoot 8-over, I'd say, well, something's gone wrong in between. There's been a lot of unfortunate breaks today and it is what it is.

It's a shame. I've never been settled going into this event. I had my exams last year, a lot of pressure, and with this near, not knowing until Wednesday afternoon. I think we got the call about 3 o'clock. Fortunately we live two hours away but it's difficult to mentally get into that.

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