

John Deere Classic

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TPC Deere Run

Silvis, Illinois, USA

Davis Thompson

Quick Quotes

Q. Davis, from even on the front nine to 4-under on your back nine, what switched for you?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Not much as far as ball striking. Feel like I was hitting it solid; just didn't really score great on the front. My caddie gave me a pep talk on 10 tee and I was able to finish strong.

Yeah, nice to kind of have some momentum going into tomorrow.

Q. Plenty of guys within a couple shots of the lead. How do you handle the final round knowing it's anybody's ballgame, but you could be a repeat winner?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, I'll take a look at the weather and the hole locations and get a game plan together for tomorrow. Yeah, I mean, early on probably not going to be scoreboard watching at all. Yeah, by the back nine, see where I am and go from there.

Q. How does the mentality switch when you're in the hunt to have a chance to win?

DAVIS THOMPSON: It shouldn't change a whole lot, but I feel like your focus sharpens a little more and you're able to -- I find it easier to commit to every shot when I'm in the lead as opposed to the back of the pack.

Yeah, just got to stick to my game plan tomorrow.

Q. Last year you put up a 62 on Saturday. A little different today obviously to get to home. What did your caddie say to you? And second of all, how do you approach tomorrow? Just the same mindset as last year and does that give you some comfort?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, I mean, last year gave me confidence, but I can't really focus on last year. I mean, that's in the past. I just got to focus on the present.

My caddie told me to flush the last two holes, missing



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those two short putts, and focus on the task at hand going forward. I was able to make a nice birdie on 10 and then made three more coming in. That was good.

Q. Is that typical of your caddie relationship?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah.

Q. He lets you have it when you need it?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Uh-huh.

Q. Davis, everyone talks about last year. How satisfying is it to be talking about this year? How excited are you for tomorrow? You've been in this position. What's the mentality heading into tomorrow?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, I mean, I'm really excited. Excited to go compete. I feel like I've been working hard. Yeah, golf is a weird game. Feel like I was kind of trending last year into this tournament and obviously played well.

This year kind of feels the same way. You know, yeah, like you said, I can't really focus on last year. Excited to be in this position again this year.

Q. Knowing the back nine tomorrow will be crazy, how do you keep the adrenaline, excitement factor in check and perform to your best?

DAVIS THOMPSON: Yeah, deep breaths, one step at a time, make sure I'm sticking to my routines and eating something, putting something in my body every three holes, and staying hydrated. Been a long, pretty hot week.

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