

**PARTIAL ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**May 1, 2021**



**TIM PETROVIC (-6 through 12)**

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**Q. Tim, can you start by talking about just the whirlwind of the last two days for you?**

**TIM PETROVIC:** No, it's not much of a whirlwind. I sat in my bus for two days and ate pizza. And my wife came up this week. So this is great, I come up and it rains for like two days. So just got to kind of be patient. We knew we would eventually get a chance to play.

**Q. And what was going right for you out there today?**

**TIM PETROVIC:** Just kind of kept it simple. I made -- I hit it in the water on the first par-3 back there. It was a hard shot and just missed it by a groove and a gust of wind came up. I knocked it in. I knew I was playing pretty well, just tried to stay patient. Hit a really nice shot on the first hole. I hit a 6-iron on the par 5 and hit it about like two feet and made eagle and that kind of got me going again. I made a nice save on 18. Hit that drive to the right and kind of pitched it up on the green through the trees, so that was one of my better shots of the day. Just didn't want to make the mistake of again of dumping it in the water.

Driving it good and got the feel of the greens. The greens, they slowed down a little bit. I hit a couple putts that were short. I told my caddie, "Well, they don't get faster when it rains, do they?" He goes, "No." I said, "Okay. Got to hit them a little bit firmer."

**Q. Tim, how important is it for you guys at least to play in three and a half hours?**

**TIM PETROVIC:** It was crucial because I don't think we have time to play 36 tomorrow. They say they might get some thunderstorm in the morning. I think the rules -- I think they're thrilled that they got nine holes in today. I think some guys may have a little more than nine left in the morning. Yeah, that was very important that we get some golf in. At least make an effort to get golf in. We lucked out I think the rain kind of backed off a little bit to let us finish; at least play until dark.

**Q. With the greens being wet and you've got to hit the putt, how was the course? Considering everything that's happened, how was the course.**

**TIM PETROVIC:** It's in good shape considering -- the greens are fine considering how much rain we had. Even the bunkers are fine. It's just a matter of I think we had to play the ball up everywhere. It's just wet, puddles and casual water everywhere. There wasn't an opportunity to take relief in some places, there was just casual water everywhere.

But no, the course is in -- it's definitely playable considering we probably had about five, six inches of rain the last two days. I was actually surprised how good it was. I thought it would

be a lot wetter.

**Q. Tim, would you say this is one of your best stretches on this tour as far as how you're playing?**

**TIM PETROVIC:** No. I mean, a couple years ago I had a good stretch. It turns to like maybe weeks in a row. In '18, I think '18, around '19, I think I finished second in like four of the majors, so I had a good run in the majors I think in '18 and '19. In terms of stringing weeks, week to week together, yeah, I'm on a nice little run, feel comfortable.

**Q. What do you do on the bus tonight?**

**TIM PETROVIC:** Eat pizza. Eat pizza. Going to get pizza right now. I'm going to see McCarron at Grimaldi's in about five minutes.