

**DAVID TOMS**

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**Q. Thanks for joining us at the Insperity Invitational. Just thoughts going into this week. Right now you're playing really well. How does this course fit your game?**

**DAVID TOMS:** I've played here a lot. I played college golf here, some tournaments here and had success. Had decent success on the PGA TOUR here at this event, probably multiple top 10s, things like that. Had a chance here a couple years ago in the rain-shortened tournament to do really well. Had a chance to win. Mike Weir won. I like the golf course. It's close to home and everything, same grass that we play on back at home.

But it's a golf course where you have to execute, have to drive it well. Obviously it's a second-shot golf course with a lot of stuff going on around the greens. I look forward to it. If I can get hot -- but guys always seem to shoot low scores here. Maybe not every day, but somebody is going to play well every day. Just hard to do it for three rounds. But I feel good about it. I didn't have a good week last week, never had a good feel on the greens, and really thought my ball-striking was lacking. I guess three weeks off, I needed to play more golf, and I was doing other things.

It's a nice time when we have four weeks in a row to try to get back into tournament mode and hopefully get back to have a chance one of these weeks again and see how I do.

**Q. You just mentioned shaking the rust off. What is the mindset this week to carry the momentum that you've had from the start of the season?**

**DAVID TOMS:** I think for me, it's really just being focused, put in the time practicing and everything but getting on the golf course. It's such a long week. I had an outing Monday morning at 7:00 and practice round Tuesday and played golf off-site yesterday, pro-am today, so really getting in on Friday, be focused on what I'm trying to do on each shot and not be distracted. To me that's the hardest thing, especially when you have a lot going on during the week.

Just get back in tournament mode and hopefully get somewhere close to the lead, get that excitement and nervousness and everything else, and see how I do.

**Q. This is a very stacked field, talent, including yourself. What's it going to take to get it done this week?**

**DAVID TOMS:** You just have to play well against guys that are used to winning on the Champions Tour that feel confident in what they're doing. It's always a good field here



in Houston. Guys liked this tournament back when we played it on the TOUR. If the weather holds okay, it'll be nice and warm. These guys are ready to play.

It's getting late string where we have a lot of big golf coming up, we have majors coming up, things like that, so good preparation for that.

**Q. We saw them yesterday and talked to them, but Hale and Bernhard are here. Overall thoughts what are your thoughts on their incredible careers --**

**DAVID TOMS:** First of all, it's amazing. I see Bernhard on a weekly basis out here and watch the way he prepares. It's just very impressive that he's still so dedicated to his craft and everything. Seems like he just doesn't have any distractions away from the golf course. It's impressive to watch.

Then to see Hale show up every once in a while. It's nice, he sent me a note after I won a few weeks ago. It means a lot to me to have somebody that's won so many times out here. I think he still realizes how hard it is and what he's accomplished. It's nice to see him back out from time to time.

