

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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ROBIN ROUSSEL (-8)

Q. Robin, an 8-under 64 here at the Barbasol Championship, what a great way to start your tournament. Just talk us through today, please.

ROBIN ROUSSEL: Yeah, good start. I'm obviously very happy, super happy about the round. I got it going pretty well because I holed the chip on the first. I missed the drive, missed the second shot, I holed the chip so that just get me going. And pretty good shot off the second tee, just I would say maybe 7, 8 feet, rolled a putt. So 2 under after two, which helps me to get the round going. And yeah, we had pretty good yardages with David on the bag, so I felt it was pretty easy, if I can say, because we hit the good spots, we hit the good yardage, holed a couple of good putts, holed another chip on the 10th, 11th actually. Yeah, that was a pretty good run of golf.

Q. I saw you were leading strokes gained around the green. Is that something you've been working on recently?

ROBIN ROUSSEL: Not much, to be honest. Well, that's the strongest part of my game, wedging, chipping and putting. Yeah, I'm happy I showed that today and hopefully I'll keep it for the end of the week.

Q. If you don't mind me saying, there's no sign of this in your recent form. Is there something you changed in particular or was it added preparation going into this week? You said you arrived early.

ROBIN ROUSSEL: No, I haven't changed much. Well, I changed a little bit the approach of -- I changed a little bit my system, if I can say. So I used to be a very straight player so I could miss left, I could miss right and now I'm hitting more fades like big fades, like at least I would say five, six, seven yard fades maybe. It helps me a lot because I'm missing only right now, I'm not missing left anymore. Well, maybe once, twice a day, but not as much as before. So except that, I haven't changed much. I'm just working pretty hard as I used to like for the last four, five years now.

Q. And how did the golf course play today? We had a lot of rain yesterday, preferred lies today. What was the difference from earlier in the week?

ROBIN ROUSSEL: Not much different I would say. It was maybe even wetter on the first days of the week. It's been playing pretty well today. We just had big wind on the last three holes, but except that, it's been pretty much the same as Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday