

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: CHESSON HADLEY**  
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**Q. Chesson, let's talk about today. You had the double bogey, only 1 under on the par 5s and yet 5 under for the round. You've got to be really happy with that.**

**CHESSON HADLEY:** Yeah, like you wouldn't believe. 5 under today was -- to be honest with you, that might be the best round I've played on Tour yet just with how tough the golf course is playing and the conditions. You know, the double bogey, you're going to make mistakes out here on these difficult golf courses. Fortunately, I was able to recover. I made a lot of putts today, which was good, and I hit it well. So when you're hitting it well and you're making putts, good things happen, so hopefully I can keep doing that this weekend.

**Q. 25 total putts. The putter was really hot?**

**CHESSON HADLEY:** She got hot. I kind of dripped one in on the first hole and then I hit it stiff on the next. Then I made the bogey. But the one that, I mean, I really felt kept the round going was I made about a 30-footer or something on No. 4 for par. Then I just seemed to be reading them well and hopefully it keeps going into the weekend.

**Q. You made an interesting draw because yesterday afternoon it got cold and really windy and then you come out this morning and it was mild but then it got tough again?**

**CHESSON HADLEY:** Yeah, I agree. I feel like the wind really picked up maybe 10, 11 holes into it. It started to get really windy, especially come 16, 17, 18. Fortunately, 16 and 17 were downwind. 18 is all you want today. I could have hit 3-wood in there. But again, really pleased with the round and I haven't been in this position, it's been a while unfortunately. So just manage the expectations and let's go do the best we can this weekend.

**Q. Was the putter the difference in your opinion?**

**CHESSON HADLEY:** Oh, sure. Anytime you're making putts it makes things a little bit easier. You know, for some reason I'm just reading them well. They're so fast that you have to play so much break and you have to kind of adjust a little bit. But she's hot, so I'm just going to -- I'm going to let her ride, you know?

**Q. This is your home state, as I mentioned. What would it mean to you to be at least in contention come Sunday afternoon and possibly holding a trophy again?**

**CHESSON HADLEY:** Oh, my gosh, that would be huge. I live in Raleigh, which is just three hours down the road. I know my way around Charlotte somewhat, so it kind of feels like a hometown event, especially with all my family and some friends here. So that would

be huge, put on that jacket and hoist that trophy. There's nothing wrong with a little silver on Sunday, right?

**Q. Chesson, phenomenal round in some tough conditions. What was going right for you today?**

**CHESSON HADLEY:** Thank you, Amanda. You know, I did just about everything well today. I feel like I got the balls up and down that I needed to get up and down, and I made just about everything I looked at, which is huge. I drove the ball fairly decent as well. A lot of positive things going into this weekend. I have not been in contention in forever, so I'll be nervous, so I just need to embrace it and do the best I can. And I've got some confidence, know what I'm doing, so just going to try to keep it rolling this weekend.

**Q. Talk about the conditions a little bit compared to yesterday, what you faced out there?**

**CHESSON HADLEY:** Sure. Well, it was really chilly for those guys yesterday morning and I think the scores reflected that for sure, and the greens are lightening out there right now. So I felt like I probably got the good side of the draw. It was a little bit warmer yesterday afternoon and the wind really picked up probably after about 11 holes this afternoon. With these greens that fast and the wind blowing like that, it's going to be a really big challenge for those guys this afternoon.

**Q. Coming off a round like that, how much confidence do you have heading into the weekend?**

**CHESSON HADLEY:** Well, it's huge, especially since I haven't played my best the last year or so. But I've been heading into the right direction for the last few weeks and it feels great. I've got a lot of confidence, I'm making putts and I'm hitting the ball where I want to hit it, which is also really nice. And so the key is just to keep the expectations in check. We're not necessarily going to go out and shoot 67 again tomorrow but it doesn't mean we're going to play bad as well. Just one shot at a time. All I can worry about is the first tee shot tomorrow and so yeah, I like how things are going.