

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**March 29, 2018**



**ROD PAMPLING (-6)**

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**Q. I know there were dartboards out there today, but really dialed in.**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Yeah, I hit a couple good shots in and then made a nice, big long bomb. Yeah, it's been a while. I noticed that when I finished I had three 2s. That doesn't happen all the time so it certainly helped the scorecard.

**Q. Greg and I were just talking, it's a big ballpark out there with all the rain. How do you strategically try to find your way around this golf course because you know it's going to be a slog out there and a pretty long test?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** It was a long test, but still you've just got to keep in your own game. You always want to try and hit a little bit harder when it's wet like this, but just the greens were rolling good enough that you just give yourself a decent chance, you can make the putt. And that's what we did, made a lot of nice putts today. Just keep doing that and we'll see what happens Sunday.

**Q. Speaking of that, 144 feet worth of putts today. You know it's got to be so pure out there, does everything look makeable to you on these greens?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Definitely. You've still got to put yourself in the right spot. There's some difficult putts out there, but thankfully I was putting myself in nice little windows that could give myself a good look. There wasn't a lot of six-foot breakers or anything like that. That's the key here is still putting yourself in the right spot. Obviously it's a little bit like darts out there, but you still have to be in the right spot. Thankfully, I did that a lot and made them.

**Q. Early step there at the last. Did that cost you, the lip on the right-hand side?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** I don't know, I thought it was damn good. I didn't expect it to go back out, so I can only blame myself for the early call on that one.