

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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J.T. POSTON (-6)



Q. J.T., how about that finish, man? A little hole-out on 18, I like the smile.

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, yeah, it was fun. I haven't done that in a while, so it was fun to make one from a decent range. Couldn't find a better way to finish a round.

Q. It's nice to finish off a round when you're playing solid. 4 under par out here. This golf course, you play in the practice rounds, you play in the pro-am, pins in the middle of the greens, pretty easy golf course. All of a sudden they start sticking them in corners, gets a little more difficult, doesn't it?

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, it does, it definitely tests you tee to green. Some of these fairways are pretty tight and you've got to play out of the fairway. I hit it great today, I gave myself a lot of looks and didn't make all of them, but I stayed pretty patient and kept giving myself a bunch of looks and kept the ball the front of me, so it was a pretty stress-free round for the most part.

Q. This golf course has got a set of greens that are pretty tough to read. You need to kind of learn them more than read them, don't you?

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, a little bit. There's a little poa annua in them so the ball can hop around a little bit and wiggle on you. Again, it's just that's going to happen, you'll hit a lot of good putts and they may not go in. You've just got to kind of stay patient there and try and keep giving yourself looks, you'll make some eventually.

Q. Take us through that first round, what was the key for you to fire 6 under par in round one?

J.T. POSTON: Just hit it really good, gave myself a lot of looks. I made some good putts, but around here you've got to really hit it good, especially off the tee. I felt like I did a pretty good job of that. Just obviously finished pretty good on 18, holed a wedge from 120, so that's kind of a bonus to a solid round.

Q. Just take us through, how important is it for you first event of the season just to get off to such a good start and really get those good vibes going?

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, it's always important. I think this year it's not as important for me. The last couple years I've either been in that Web category or in the conditional category knowing that I had limited starts. Being fully exempt this year, I know I can kind of pick my schedule and I don't have to worry as much about playing well early or the reshuffle or

anything like that. But it's still important to get off to a good start, you want to play well, give yourself a good chance of making a deep run in the Playoffs and that starts first week.

Q. You mentioned that status. Is it just more of a comfort level for you knowing that because you have that status that you can go out and just kind of be a little bit more free about things and perhaps your play will get even better?

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, I think so. There definitely is a little more comfort there. And being third year out, you know the golf courses a little better. There's not as much that might catch you by surprise as somebody that might be a first year out. I would say a combination of both, definitely more comfortable.