

**CHEZ REAVIE (-4)**

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**MODERATOR:** Like to welcome Chez Reavie into the media center, opened with a 4-under 68 to take the first round solo lead at the moment. Just talk about what was working for you out there and how important it is to get off to a good start this season after the second best year of your career last year on the PGA TOUR.

**CHEZ REAVIE:** Yeah, it was a great day, I hit the ball really well. The wind was blowing really hard all day long so you had to really start the ball well and keep it out of the wind. Luckily, I was able to do that and had good distances in the fairways and hit the ball close today.

**Q. What are the keys out there to this course? Obviously played the toughest around the greens and on the greens of any course on the PGA TOUR last year, so what's the key?**

**CHEZ REAVIE:** Yeah, it's tough because once you get above the hole with this wind, it's really hard to chip it close. The more greens you can hit, the better and that was key to my game. I didn't miss too many greens today. I hit most of the greens, and even if I missed the green, I was on the fringe or chipping uphill, so I was in a lot of good spots today.

**Q. (Question in Korean.)**

**CHEZ REAVIE:** You know, the wind when it's blowing like this, you really have to pick your spots. First and foremost, you have to hit fairways. It's tough to control the ball out of the rough here anyways and when the wind's blowing that hard, it's even tougher. So first and foremost, you have to hit fairways and then you just have to pick your spots. When you have good numbers, when they have the pin favoring the wind, so if the wind's off the right or the pin's on the left, you can ride the wind toward the pin a little bit more often. Those are the shots you try to play a little more aggressive on, whereas when the pins are tucked up when the wind's blowing off the right and the pin's tucked on the right, that's when you kind of take your par and move on. It's definitely a day where you're just trying to not make bogeys. If you make a couple birdies, great, but the more pars you can make, the better.

**Q. (Question in Korean.)**

**CHEZ REAVIE:** Okay. So I lost my Tour card in 2014, I believe it was, so I had to go back to the Web Finals. So I didn't play a full season on the Web, I just played the Web Finals, which is our qualifying school to get your card. I was fortunate to play well and I won the Web Finals that year and got full status back.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**CHEZ REAVIE:** So for me, I'm never going to be a big bomber, right? Like if I went and tried to hit my driver as hard as I could on every hole, I could maybe increase my driving distance by, I don't know, four or five yards. Possibly hit it a little further, but then I'm going to give up on the accuracy. So those four or five yards, it's not worth it for me to chase that and not play to my strengths. So I just stay within myself and keep my natural tempo and my natural swing and if it goes 290 yards, it goes 290 yards. As long as it's in the fairway, I can play from there. If I hit it 295 yards in the rough, I'm going to have a lot more trouble than I would have 290 yards in the fairway.

**Q. (Question in Korean.)**

**CHEZ REAVIE:** Yeah, so the most important thing today was just to keep the ball low really. We didn't have too many holes that played straight downwind, it was mainly crosswinds on every hole. So the only time you hit it real high on a day like today is when you get it straight downwind. When we have crosswinds, you're just trying to keep it low. You need to be able to hit a draw and a fade just depending on the wind. With the winds off the right and the pins off the right, you're trying to fade it into the wind just to stay in the middle of the green and vice versa, when the wind's off the left, you're trying to hit a draw to keep it in the middle of the green. So you really have to be able to work it both ways on a day like today.

**Q. (Question in Korean.)**

**CHEZ REAVIE:** So on both No. 9 and No. 18 today I hit the fairway on both holes and I actually had a number where I could have reached the green in two on both of them, but I laid up on both of them just because it was playing so tough with the wind that I figured I would just lay it up, play safe and then play a little wedge shot into the green. Had good looks for birdie on both holes, but the key there was just not to be overaggressive on a tough day and give shots back.

**MODERATOR:** Best of luck this week, Chez. Congratulations on a great first round.

**CHEZ REAVIE:** Thanks, guys.