

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JIM FURYK (-4)

Q. Jim, nice bogey-free 68 to start. Your thoughts on a good day?

JIM FURYK: Yeah, it's just a good solid day. I did a good job of keeping the ball in front of me. Made a couple mistakes, a couple good saves. It was a fun day. Get out there with Fred and our host, Strick, two buddies. Had a lot of, I guess, good company during the day, so it was nice to get off to a good start.

Q. What was the weather like out there for you? Difficult because of the heat or no?

JIM FURYK: It is, it is. I like the heat better than the cold, I'll say that, but I was surprised how I guess humid it was this morning. Still on the range, feel like I hit eight balls and I was pretty loose by that time. The breeze kind of held it in there, and it's hot. It's probably unusual for this time of the year, but not that I love the heat, but I would prefer it over cold.

Q. What did you think of the golf course?

JIM FURYK: The golf course is in good shape. A couple tough pin placements out there, a couple difficult ones. You have some putts that just have a lot of movement, like that putt Strick made on the last hole, it's 10 feet but it's quick and probably breaking a foot. So you get a lot of movement in the greens.

Overall, the golf course is in great shape. I'm trying to -- it's my first year out, really still in my first year on the Champions Tour and seeing a lot of these golf courses for the first time, so really trying to kind of figure out how to play them, where the pin placements are going to be, where you have to attack, where you have to be a little more patient. I'm still learning that, but enjoying that process.

Q. The fans treated you well even with Steve's group?

JIM FURYK: Yeah, yeah. I think Fred's a fan favorite. Maybe the fan favorite, and obviously Strick being the host and being from Wisconsin and close by, so they were great for all of us. It was a good time.

Q. Did you learn anything out there about the course, the way they had it set up that maybe might pay off going forward now that you've got a little --

JIM FURYK: Well, it always helps. The more rounds you get around it and the more shots you see, it always helps. Definitely picked up a few things today in places you can't miss it. I really -- I've really tried to do a good job in my practice rounds, so usually a Tuesday

practice round and then a Wednesday pro-am, so that Tuesday's really key. During the pro-am you're kind of rubbing some elbows and having fun with your amateurs and learning a little bit about the golf course, but I really kind of -- last couple months really spent a lot of time on Tuesday trying to figure out hole locations and the golf course and how to play it. You know, I'm going to get fooled along the way somewhere, but today went pretty well.

Q. Can you share with the fans what the conversations are like out there as you're playing with Steve and with Fred?

JIM FURYK: The three of us have known each other forever. I'm almost -- I turned pro in '93 and played the Tour in '94, so I played with Steve and Fred for the last 27 years and they're friends, and we've done a lot of the Ryder Cups and Presidents Cups together, captains and vice captains. Just honestly, I spent a lot of time with Steve and Nicki talking about the kids a little bit, mine and theirs and how everyone was doing. Fred just keeps us entertained. He's the entertainment for the day.