ROUND 1 INTERVIEW October 13, 2023

ROD PAMPLING (-6)



Q. All right, Rod, 1 under at the turn and then you made five birdies on the back. Did something click for you on the back nine?

ROD PAMPLING: You know, obviously started the day off really well, hit a lot of close shots. Had a three-putt, which kind of stalled. But then yeah, then I made a nice one on 11 which got us kickstarted. Had obviously five birdies in the last eight holes, which was nice. It was a good day.

Q. Did you feel good coming into this week about your game?

ROD PAMPLING: It's all been getting closer and closer. We just eliminated the bad stuff, that was about a month ago. So it's been close, just need a little bit of luck. Didn't get any luck today, it was just a good solid day of golf. Perfect weather, too. Nice to get off to a good start while we've got the good weather.

Q. What was the bad stuff?

ROD PAMPLING: Oh, just mentally, just making a bad shot, like making a double from nowhere, just silly little stuff like that. You scratch your head, you wonder why you can still do it after 30 years of playing this game, but we still manage to slip 'em in there pretty easily.

Q. This golf course, once you get going on a roll like you had on the back, is it gettable?

ROD PAMPLING: Oh, yeah, once you get going on the back, yes, if you're driving it well. That's the key, still got to drive it well, got to be in the fairway. I was doing that, which just, yeah, allows you to be very aggressive out there. The course is in perfect condition, the greens are rolling great. It really was there for the taking today.

Q. With the weather coming in tomorrow, you've got to be happy where you're sitting?

ROD PAMPLING: Oh, yeah, exactly. Touch wood, I guess they said it's scattered, so hopefully it will be scattered enough to miss the golf course, which would be nice. Yeah, obviously tomorrow's just going to be who knows. When we get here tomorrow, we'll see what it's doing and just -- I don't think we need to change our game plan at all, it's just being a little bit more careful, I guess.