



**ROD PAMPLING ( -15)**

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**Q. All right, Rod, congratulations, wire to wire -- victory. How special is this one for you?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** It's fantastic. You know, it's all the hard work you put in, it's nice for it to pay off. The guys out here now, they're phenomenal players, they really are. You look at the field every week, we've got eight Hall of Famers out here and there's another eight who are just playing phenomenal golf. To get out on top when the majority of the guys are here is awesome, it really is. It's very rewarding.

**Q. Can you speak to the marathon today, 33 holes after yesterday's rainy situation?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Yeah, you know, it's just one of those. Thankfully I try to keep myself in shape. It mightn't look it, but I try to keep myself in shape. You know, it certainly, it is a long day, but it was -- I just paced myself. The pace of play was nice and consistent, so you weren't chasing people to -- so it was just, you know, you could relax and get my breath and really focus on the shots we had to do. It's a long day, but we walk every day of the week, so another few holes wasn't too bad.

**Q. Talk just a little bit about the experience of being here and this setting, the golf course, this community. I mean, the way that folks come out and rally around this event.**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Yeah, it's a great. The Carolinas have always been great, I love the golf courses here, the tree lines, the shape of the courses. You have to shape the ball, which I like to do. Obviously Saturday was a bit difficult to have crowds out, but Friday was phenomenal, and then this afternoon the crowds were coming out, which is great, it really is.

And to have SAS involved as well is just a huge company here that does a fantastic job in the community. Just part of -- happy to be a part of that I guess legacy I guess now as the winner, the 2023 winner.

**Q. How about just a little bit on sharing the green with the future of the game and the HBCU kids?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Yeah, it's great to see the kids out there. Obviously we're in a scenario here where we can, I think there's 54 holes here at Prestonwood, so to have the kids out there playing and watching them from a distance grinding over these putts. Yeah, I wish them the best if they're going to continue grinding over putts because it's a very long and tedious job, but it's a very rewarding job. It's just awesome to see the kids out here. Just to

see their smiles when their team wins, it's awesome.

**Q. Last one, at any level you never get tired of winning, do you?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** No. It can be a four-ball down the street with your mates or whatever it is, winning is phenomenal. It doesn't have to be for a lot, it's just the fact that you've won on that day. In this game it doesn't happen a lot, so you cherish every one of them.