

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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ROBERT GARRIGUS (-8)



Q. Good round, great finish. What did you like about your round?

ROBERT GARRIGUS: You know, my putting, it was just as good as I think I've putted in, I don't know, five years. I hadn't made that many short putts. Everything started on my line, it was really nice. My speed was perfect. I missed a couple putts earlier on the front, I parred the par 5.

My short game was perfect today, which I've been working on it a little bit, but I can't say I've been working really hard. I've only played a couple times in the past few weeks, maybe a month. Played a couple Monday qualifiers and played OK, but I was just coming out to shake the rust off and have a good time today and I guess I did. It was a lot of fun.

Q. You mentioned to Doug Bell you made a putter change recently?

ROBERT GARRIGUS: Yeah, yeah, an Odyssey Jailbird with the big grip on it, the one that Rickie and Keegan use. I switch putters every five minutes on my carpet at home because I'm just there and that's all I get to do.

I really like the way I got this little putting, you know, it's like a little piece of carpet that you can putt on on hardwood. I was rolling that Odyssey putter so good, I'm like, man, I'm gonna -- nothing's going left, because my miss is always left with the putter. Everything was starting right online if not a hair right. I said this is going to be good if I can get a chance to play.

And thank God I got in this tournament. The people here in this tournament, Jevon and Danielle, they gave me a sponsor invite to start, but I didn't need it in the end because my number got in.

Just knowing that I was playing in a tournament like gave me a little juice and the putter definitely helped today.

Q. Got in on the past champion status, but what was it like when you received that sponsor? How did they let you know?

ROBERT GARRIGUS: You know, I was already coming here for kind of a pseudo vacation if I didn't get in because this is one of our favorite places in the world. My girlfriend and I -- Lauren, she's amazing -- we're like man, why don't we just go to Bermuda and see if we get in.



Then they told me I was going to get the spot on Friday and I was leaving Saturday, so I got super excited. Made me want to come out and play the Monday pro-am and practice the last couple days and get ready.

I don't know what's going to happen the rest of the week, but it was sure nice to get a 63 in today and make a whole bunch of putts and know that I can still do it.

Q. Getting out here a little bit earlier, were you seeing the course? Were you able to do something fun exploring around the island?

ROBERT GARRIGUS: No. We got out here earlier, we played in the Monday. We got in Sunday afternoon, but we went to the Grotto Bay Caves and did the massage there. Insane. Dove into the cave pool and did all that. We've been to the beach a couple times. Went downtown and did a little bit of shopping and had some amazing food. We love it here. This is my, however many every years the tournament's been here, I think it's five?

Q. This is the fifth.

ROBERT GARRIGUS: Yeah, so this is my fifth year and it's her third. This is literally one of my favorite places. I'm staying with Rich Olson, he owns the Bermuda Bistro downtown, out in horse land out there. We're a bit ways away from the golf course and we've had an amazing time up there. This is a good start to already a great week.

Q. Haven't seen you since Barbasol. Is it hard to get back in kind of that competition mode?

ROBERT GARRIGUS: Hundred percent. Like I did not know how I was going to handle today. I've played, this is probably 382 or I can't remember how many tournaments I've played in, but every one's different. I don't get nervous on the first tee anymore but that might change now, which would be nice because it helps me focus.

Yeah, I haven't played since Barbasol. I had no idea what to expect today. I just knew that if I came out and focused on my small things that I've been focusing on at home for the few rounds that I've played and was able to actually do it for five hours, hopefully I can do it for 15 more hours and we'll see what happens.

