

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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VIJAY SINGH (-7)

Q. Vijay, solid start today en route to a 7-under round. What was the key for you?

VIJAY SINGH: I drove the ball well and it played a lot easier than it did the pro-am in the practice days. No wind, literally no wind our back nine. It was gettable. The pins were not super hard and par 5s were all reachable. If you played half decent and made a couple of putts, you know, the score's out there.

Q. Do you prefer having to go really low or a grindy round?

VIJAY SINGH: I like a grindy round with a little bit more wind. Everybody's going to have a shootout here. If it stays like this, it's going to be a shootout on the weekend. Just have to go low. If you make pars, you know, there's a lot more birdie holes out there.

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

VIJAY SINGH: Yeah, I hadn't practiced very much, but I was here early and I played on Friday here, day off on Saturday and played every day since. So I know this golf course very well, I played it many times. So just the wind conditions on Tuesday and Wednesday kind of threw our rhythm off. Great day today.

Q. What's it like having Qass on the bag for you?

VIJAY SINGH: He's good. He's caddied for me before. He's a very calm person on the bag, there's not too much bad emotions coming from him, so that's what a player needs, I think.

Q. I think you relied on him a lot on the greens.

VIJAY SINGH: You know, I'm not a very great green -- this green reader over here. We worked it out pretty good. I could have made a lot more putts out there if I hit it hard enough, but it was a good team effort and hopefully keep it going.