

**ROUND 1 QUOTES**  
**February 1, 2024**



**CHRISTIAAN BEZUIDENHOUT (-3)**

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**Q. Can you tell us a little bit about your round today? You obviously played well on the front nine and had two bogeys. Can you talk a little bit about it?**

**CHRISTIAAN BEZUIDENHOUT:** Yeah, obviously started my round well. I had 15 feet on the first hole which got me going. Then yeah, I took advantage of the front nine, which played a little bit easier today, I think, especially 1 through 7, 1 through 8 played friendly with this wind.

Then yeah, I just, I had a couple of errant tee shots on the back nine which I didn't give myself chances to make birdies. Then yeah, just on 18, unfortunately missed in the wrong spot there on the right beyond that tree. Happy with the day.

**Q. Obviously weather has been quite a factor. How is that affecting your play and how are you preparing definitely?**

**CHRISTIAAN BEZUIDENHOUT:** Yeah, I just -- obviously yesterday was windy, so I didn't do much yesterday in the wind. I was on the range for maybe 15, 20 minutes and then just went on my way at 11:00.

Yeah, it's going to be bad for everybody out there. There's going to be bogeys, there's going to be bad shots. Just handle it and be fine with it and control your misses where you can.

**Q. How surprised were you to wake up this morning and see that the weather was nicer than forecast?**

**CHRISTIAAN BEZUIDENHOUT:** Yeah, when we looked at the forecast yesterday it actually looked bad. When we were still on the range it was like sunny and no wind. Yeah, luckily I took advantage of it on the front nine and when the wind picked up on the back nine.

**Q. Was it an advantage to play in the early groups?**

**CHRISTIAAN BEZUIDENHOUT:** Yeah, I would say so. I mean, the wind direction is still the same. It's just blowing a little bit harder now than what it was when we had our first four or five holes this morning. Yeah, the wind direction is still the same. I'm happy to be done now.

