

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**ERIK VAN ROOYEN (-10)**



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**Q. Not quite as good as it was on Thursday. What was the biggest difference?**

**ERIK VAN ROOYEN:** Probably better rhythm, not as bad as it was yesterday. Obviously, you know, you're playing in the afternoon and then you wake up early, it's morning, doesn't feel quite the same. So yeah, just didn't quite hit it as close. I felt like I was putting from 40 feet all day and I'm not going to make a lot of those.

**Q. And we talked about it yesterday with the eagle, first putt on 18, it is amazing how slow these greens are even downhill, down grain.**

**ERIK VAN ROOYEN:** Yeah, it's not the quickest. Paspalum, I don't think you can get them as quick as you can, say, bentgrass green or some of the good bermuda we putt on at home.

So yeah, the one on 18 yesterday, uphill into the grain, it's really slow. Yeah, today I feel like I left a ton short, but that's OK, I'm still in a good spot for the weekend.

**Q. And that's the key right there, being in a good spot for the weekend. So what's the plan going to be now for the rest of the day? You finish in the morning, there's an amusement park over there. Yeah, you've still got work to do tomorrow, but what's the plan?**

**ERIK VAN ROOYEN:** Probably lunch, a bit of practice and then I'll have a margarita in my hand at some point.

**Q. Sixty-nine for the South African, Erik van Rooyen, squarely in the mix going into the weekend. How would you assess your work on day two?**

**ERIK VAN ROOYEN:** Good. I probably didn't have my best and on a day where you don't have it, I think squeezing in a decent round of golf is still important and I think I did that.

**Q. Why is it so difficult to back up a great round with another great round?**

**ERIK VAN ROOYEN:** Golf's hard, man. Jeez. The funny thing is, right, I told this to Feely, my caddie, like I don't feel like I hit it that great yesterday. A few shots I got away with and all of a sudden you hit a couple good shots in between, you shoot 8 under. And today again I felt like I didn't hit it that great and shot 2 under. I think today was more a reflection of where I feel my ball-striking is at. Again, in a great spot for the weekend.



**Q. Par-4 10th hole, the most difficult par 4 on the PGA TOUR, one year ago you made two 4s there. What's the challenge of that hole specifically?**

**ERIK VAN ROOYEN:** It's long, you've got out of bounds and bush and stuff left, you've got water right and you're coming in with -- this morning was no wind and I had 9-iron in and this afternoon those boys are going to have a 5-iron in. It's just a really tough hole.

**Q. What's your focus going into these final 36 holes?**

**ERIK VAN ROOYEN:** Probably just find a bit of rhythm, stay within myself and I know I've been here before. I've done it before, I was in the last group on Saturday last year at this event. Yeah, I've been here before and just go try and make some birdies.

