## ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES March 29, 2024

## Texas Children's HOUSTON OPEN

## CHAD RAMEY (-5)

## Q. Chad, so couple nice rounds here to start. How does it feel to be in this spot into the weekend?

**CHAD RAMEY:** It feels great. I haven't been in this spot a lot this year, but I've been in this spot in the past. Just keep grinding. I think the wind's supposed to blow the rest of the week, so it will be a grind.

Q. Do you like when the wind blows and the conditions get kind of firm and tough?

**CHAD RAMEY:** I do. I've notoriously played really good in previous tournaments when the wind's blowing, so I definitely don't mind it to blow.

Q. What has been kind of the spark this week? Is there anything you tweaked early in the week or --

**CHAD RAMEY:** Not really. My game's been close for a little while. I definitely -- ball-striking's been a lot better this week, it's kind of finally turning the corner and it feels nice.

Q. What did you do to get it to turn the corner?

**CHAD RAMEY:** Just been making a few changes here and there. It's just been really close.

Q. What's one example of a change?

**CHAD RAMEY:** Just getting kind of I guess like a little more rotational, I would say.

Q. And can it be hard to stay positive when there the results are hard to come by for a long time?

**CHAD RAMEY:** Yeah, for sure, it can be tough. That's kind of one thing I came into this week, just try to have a really good mindset, it's a new week, anything can happen.

Q. Is the golf course evolving, getting a little drier, more difficult?

**CHAD RAMEY:** Yeah, teeing off this morning it wasn't too crazy firm yet, but I could only imagine if the wind keeps up like this, which it's supposed to, that it's going to get pretty firm.

Q. What are your thoughts on 14, just how difficult that par 4 is?



**CHAD RAMEY:** They were pretty generous to us today, they had us up a tee box and I still hit driver, 3-iron into it. Thank goodness they did move us up. Yeah, that's a tough hole. You've just got to hit two really good golf shots and the green's kind of going away from you front to back, so it's a good one.

Q. Beau Hossler said yesterday this is a golf course where you can wear out 4-iron through 7-iron or 3-iron to --

CHAD RAMEY: Oh, yeah.

Q. How much is that spot on?

**CHAD RAMEY:** It's very spot on. And it's like the few holes that you do get some scoring clubs, some wedges in your hand, the greens are pretty tricky.

Q. Is it cool playing a kind of muni course that the public can play it for under 40 bucks and knowing that this is a place that fans can come out and play the same course?

**CHAD RAMEY:** Oh, yeah, it's great for the fans because they can easily come out here and play a course that the PGA TOUR plays, so it's great.

Q. Is it like because you grew up playing at a course kind of similar to that?

**CHAD RAMEY:** Right.

Q. When you're at a muni, does it allow you to kind of reflect back on those vibes?

**CHAD RAMEY:** A little bit, for sure. It's just nice, most places we stop at it's a pretty hefty price to play, so for it to be under 40 books, it's pretty sweet.

Q. What's it been like seeing Scottie Scheffler's run? I know you played a little bit with him.

**CHAD RAMEY:** It's pretty unbelievable. I saw a stat it was like 28 consecutive rounds under par, that's pretty nice, especially some of the events that we play. Yeah, just a ball-striking machine.

Q. He says he's off social media, he doesn't want to read people writing good things about him or bad things about him.

CHAD RAMEY: Right.

Q. What's your philosophy about that?



**CHAD RAMEY:** I think that's a pretty good philosophy. You can get caught up in the good or the bad, so to just kind of be steering clear of it I think is a pretty good philosophy.

Q. Hard to do, I would imagine.

**CHAD RAMEY:** It's very hard to do in today's day, but good if you can.

Q. You won two years ago.

CHAD RAMEY: Yes, sir.

Q. So you're exempt through 2024. How pivotal and important is it to play well this year?

**CHAD RAMEY:** It's definitely important, but I can't really think of it that way, I've just got to kind of stay within myself. Like I said, I've been going through a few changes and it feels like it's turning a corner, so feel like I'm headed in a good direction.

Q. If you look at, oh, my God, I've got to do well this year, just all that extra pressure --

**CHAD RAMEY:** Right, it's just added pressure that there's just no need for it.

Q. Final question from me, what makes this course, why does it play so long?

**CHAD RAMEY:** It's just long. As far as like yardage wise, it's just a long course. That's really it. I mean, the greens are pretty big, but like I said earlier, the shorter holes where you kind of get some scoring clubs in your hand, the greens are pretty tricky.

Q. Does that -- do you like courses that play really long?

**CHAD RAMEY:** They do not suit my game very well, but I played well at longer courses in the past. I mean, kind of my philosophy is if you're hitting it good, you're hitting it good, it doesn't matter where you're playing.

