

**Q. Jay Don, good start to the tournament here, 2 under par. Just kind of overall comments on the day?**

**JAY DON BLAKE:** You know, it was chilly early, still had some wind. Luckily, the first couple holes were downwind so that was kind of a little help off to start. The first two holes, made birdie so got off to a good start. Then we started about three, four holes right in a row just dead into the wind and it was cold, ball was going nowhere. It was just kind of survival.

So I hit a tee shot on one of the par 5s, I hit it, maybe it flew like 235 just because the wind was blowing or cold. So just had to kind of stay as patient as I could. And I had a three-putt out there that was my first bogey and, you know, I just kept trying to hit some shots, hit some shots and keep it on the fairway. I mean, if you're in the rough, we were hitting 3-, 4-irons, 5-irons and hybrids into the par 4s, so I was trying to keep it in the fairway so I could at least advance to the green. If you're in the rough, you wouldn't be able to get it on the green very often. So I kept it in the fairway pretty well and kind of kept putting them on the greens.

You know, it's hard to be aggressive with the wind blowing, so you're kind of trying to make it but then kind of trying to lag it at the same time. Kind of really protective golf out there today.

Then I ended up finishing pretty strong coming in. That little short par 3, No. 14, I hit it about two feet and made birdie there. And then the next hole's a par 5, I hit it about six inches and made birdie. Then I hit it to about 10 feet on 17 to make birdie. 17, I mean it's a tough pin back there on that top back-right tier and I happened to hit right into the bank and deadened it to where it stopped. If you land on top, you're gone. If you're a little short, it rolls off the hill and comes back. So I was fortunate to end up where I did to make birdie. 18 they had the tees up and still the guys in my group hit hybrids into them.

Tough golf course out there and I'm just happy to get done with a couple under par. Hit it pretty decent all day. You know, I made one mistake over there on 11. I drove it way down at the bottom right by that little creek that runs in front of the green. Only got 85 yards and I make bogey. So I was hoping to kind of do a little bit better than that. Hit it well, played well and just kind of executed some good shots out there today.

**Q. I didn't hear, maybe you didn't say, which hole was the wind blowing so badly on where a 235-yard drive was a good one?**

**JAY DON BLAKE:** Once we hit No. 3 which is a par 3, it started going dead into the wind. No. 4 was dead into the wind and No. 5 was the par 5 and it's only like 220 to carry the bunker and I was only about 10 yards past it and I hit it pretty good. If I

would have mis-hit it a little bit, it wouldn't have carried. Sutherland kind of missed it a little bit and he hit right into kind of the bank of it. A little bit more, he's down off that cliff off to the right. It was tough conditions out there. The wind's pretty brutal out there, gusting up pretty good. It's warmer now so the balls are going farther. This morning it was so cold the balls weren't going very far. Think it played a little bit tougher.

**Q. What do you think 2 is going to be at the end of the day?**

**JAY DON BLAKE:** Two. No, I'm sure somebody will get a little bit lower than that, but hopefully it kind of hangs around no too far away.

**Q. On a day like today, the receptiveness of the greens, especially when you're hitting longer clubs and hybrids in, how were they receiving the ball.**

**JAY DON BLAKE:** They actually received them pretty well. I mean, with the rain that we had yesterday a couple times I think they put a little moisture in them. We were backing up some wedges and stuff like that into greens. I hit 4-iron into a green and it went about eight feet, so it's kind of digging in and kind of holding. Obviously the wind and the sun's going to -- it will get them quick and firm.

**Q. It will be a different course in a couple hours?**

**JAY DON BLAKE:** Yeah, it could be.