**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: JAY DON BLAKE** 

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### Q. How did you finish today?

JAY DON BLAKE: Two bogeys, two (inaudible). A couple over (inaudible) even par, so...

### Q. How did you find the conditions, did they vary at all from yesterday?

**JAY DON BLAKE:** The wind seemed to be gusty. I mean, calm like right now, you don't hardly feel any wind; the next thing you know, it feels like it's blowing 25 miles an hour. You can hit a shot with not much wind and all of a sudden it comes up and blows it left, right or short, so it was pretty testy today.

## Q. You were 1 over in your round for a while and you seemed to turn it around with a couple of birdies.

**JAY DON BLAKE:** Yeah, well, I got actually 3 over. I started off with double on the first hole, hit it in the right bunker in the fairway. Then I hit a shot out of there and it plugged right in the lip so I had no shot from there, so I made double. Just tried to hang in there, hang in there. Made another bogey somewhere else. Got to 3 over.

Then I made three birdies to get back to even for the day and a couple under again, and then I had a couple other birdie putts that I could have capitalized on also on 13 and 14 but didn't get either one of them, and then I made bogeys on 17 and 18.

#### Q. What was the trouble on 17 and 18, just one bad shot?

**JAY DON BLAKE:** 17 you've got that wind blowing down to the right and all you see is that big old mound over there. I watched Kevin Sutherland yesterday hit four shots to try to get out of it, and both of us kind of pull hooked it over there. I was okay but I was hoping the ball would jump a little bit out of that rough and it came out short. I got into a little bit of a ball marker or a little mini divot just short of the green and I couldn't chip it so I tried to putt. Kind of popped out and it came quite a bit short and missed about a 15-footer for par.

And then 18 I hit it in the left bunker and I was trying to be a little bit aggressive, kind of gamble a little bit. Tried to hit an opened-up hybrid up over the lip and hit a big old fade in there and I kind of hit it fat, heavy and it shot way right. I had to get up and down on 18 for bogey. It was an up-and-down round. Hit a lot of good shots and I hit some mediocre shots.

## Q. Are the greens really starting to speed up now and getting quicker maybe than yesterday?

**JAY DON BLAKE:** With the wind blowing them around early in the round, we had some balls that we thought -- I marked my ball because it got so gusty. I'm like, this thing's going to roll away on me, so I remarked it again to keep it from rolling away. But the spike marks are starting to show up a little bit so you've got fast greens, wind blowing and then little spike marks. You hit these little trickly putts trying to not really lag, but you know where you are but trying to make it and the ball's just kind of bouncing up with the marks going down there. So a little bit kind of spikey out there. Just got to leave yourself uphill putts so you can be aggressive.

### Q. It seems to us like it's not as windy, but what was it compared to yesterday?

**JAY DON BLAKE:** Well, yesterday was a consistent wind so you could kind of get used to what you were hitting shots certain distances and stuff, but today it seemed gusty and kind of different directions a little bit at times, too. That was kind of what was the hard part.

# Q. You're even par for the tournament. What do you see on the weekend? You're right in it. What are you looking to do?

JAY DON BLAKE: Well, kind of hanging around there. I mean I'll see if I can come out here a little bit later and kind of execute some better swings, get the -- yesterday I drove it really well, hit it in the fairway a lot so I could have some shots to the hole. Today I was kind of a little bit wild with it, wasn't quite in the fairways as often, kind of had some awkward shots to kind of be conservative instead of being aggressive. So I think that's the key is got to manage that, a lot of fairways out here so you can hit shots to the greens. If not, you're just kind of protecting the second shot up there.

### Q. 16, 17 and 18 are some of the toughest finishing holes that and you guys have had on tour?

JAY DON BLAKE: 16's not too bad. 16's only hard because you're blocked by that --

### Q. Right.

**JAY DON BLAKE:** It feels like the wind's going this way but it gets out there and it goes straight left. No, I think 17 and 18's probably, they're really good holes. They're 480s, 490s, whatever they are. 18 they moved up because we're dead into the wind. I hit a good drive and you're still almost 200 yards, 190 to 200 into the wind. You know, you don't hit the fairway, you're penalized, so there's some good holes.