ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: JOHN RIEGGER

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Q. Can you just start us off with your thoughts on the round today?

JOHN RIEGGER: You know, I was just trying to play one shot at a time today. Been down in the back, got shingles and it's the most painful thing I've ever endured in my life so I was just basically, the old cliche, I was definitely playing one shot at a time today.

Q. What do you feel is going well? I know it's a tight course out there so your driver must have been solid.

JOHN RIEGGER: You know, I've always played well here. I had a chance to win a couple years ago when Bernhard won here. I was battling him down the stretch. It's just the golf course suits my game.

Q. How are you feeling going into the rest of the weekend?

JOHN RIEGGER: You know, right now I wake up day to day. I may feel great tomorrow, I might not be able to play, I don't know. I wasn't able to even tee it up at the PLAYERS Championship this year because of it, so I'll see. Go get worked on and see what happens.

Q. Is there a possibility leading up to this tournament that you were thinking about not playing or were you going to play?

JOHN RIEGGER: Like I said, every day I wake up, I don't know how I'm going to feel. I had an MRI when I was home thinking it was something wrong with my back and turns out I had shingles. It just acts up a nerve in me so there's really nothing you can do.

Q. What mentally can you do from today to tomorrow to kind of push through?

JOHN RIEGGER: Well, I know that -- I know my back, there's nothing wrong with my back, it's just that it hurts. So it's just knowing that when you make a swing it's going to hurt. So really nothing you can do.

Q. What does it feel like at the end of the round just going through that pain, looking at yourself being on the leaderboard and being on the top going into the rest of the weekend?

JOHN RIEGGER: Like I said, I'm not thinking about it. I'm playing really good, so if I wake up tomorrow and feel good, then hopefully I can play another good solid round. I played real solid today and I had probably five or six other really good birdie chances. So, I mean, I'm happy just for how my body feels. Definitely happy with what I shot.