**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: JOHN RIEGGER** 

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## Q. What was working for you out there today?

**JOHN RIEGGER:** Just being patient. It was a little windier today, the wind directions. You've just got to put the ball in the fairway off the tee here and if you do, you'll play well.

#### Q. The course is a little firm out there. Does that play to your advantage?

**JOHN RIEGGER:** I don't think it's -- I mean, I'm one of the longer hitters anyway, so anything that might hurt me on some holes, but I normally hit driver on the ninth hole and I hit 3-wood where I normally hit driver, so I don't think it's any advantage for me.

### Q. How's it feel to be tied for the lead heading into the final round tomorrow?

**JOHN RIEGGER:** You know, I hadn't really given it any thought. I've been dealing with some medical stuff and I'm just trying to hope that I wake up tomorrow and I feel all right and I can play.

# Q. The shingles in your back, today must have felt pretty good or are you just fighting through it again?

**JOHN RIEGGER:** You know, I've had it for a while now and it's just, I mean, it's kind of gone away but the pain is still there and it's just an aftereffect of the attacks of the nerves. I think it's just a fact that I've gotten used to and dealing with it a little bit better.

## Q. How much would it mean to you to fight through it another day and come out on top?

**JOHN RIEGGER:** Well, obviously any time you win is a good thing. I'm just going to go out and try to do the same thing tomorrow that I've done the last two days.

## Q. Do you have to prepare more (inaudible)?

**JOHN RIEGGER:** (Inaudible.) First day I teed off at like 1:00 and today it was at 9:30. I've been up at 6:00 every day stretching and just doing whatever I can to fight through it.

## Q. Does it get worse as the round goes on?

**JOHN RIEGGER:** It's hard to explain. I'm in pain but I know there's nothing wrong with my back. You know, it's a constant pain so it's not like it just hurts when I swing. It's just I know that nothing's going to happen to me, it's just basically dealing with the pain constantly.

### Q. How long have you had it?

**JOHN RIEGGER:** Well, I mean, I got the outbreak the week of the PLAYERS Championship so I had to withdraw, I couldn't even play there. I thought it was my back, and then I had the outbreak and it's been about a month but I'm still having all the pain from it. They say it can take up to three months.

#### Q. (Inaudible.)

**JOHN RIEGGER:** Well, the thing that's been helping me is in the fitness truck getting some stim and ice on it. The electricity in there, from what they're telling me, helps with the nerves and everything because what it does is it attacks the nerve endings. It's in one spot, it's not like it's my whole back. It's right on my spine and it's just shooting out the pain.