

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: CHARLES HOWELL III
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Q. Well, Charles, I know you're obviously a little bit disappointed with missing that short birdie at the last, but what a strong finish for you, birdieing four of the last five.

CHARLES HOWELL III: Yeah, it didn't play easy today and obviously being new greens and still guys are getting adjusted to them. They rolled a bit faster today than I think the practice and pro-am day. It's just so dramatically different than the South, the greens are, that it takes a bit of adjusting.

Q. You obviously didn't struggle because you got it going there at the finish. The greens, do you like them?

CHARLES HOWELL III: They're phenomenal. They're rolling incredible and it's very odd to see bentgrass in southern California, right, not a blade of poa on it. They're rolling phenomenal. It's just different than what we're used to seeing here and a lot of the breaks and contours are different. Takes a little bit of adjusting to.

Q. Well, you got a win at Riviera on poa greens a few years back. I know you were playing alongside Hudson Swafford with a win last week and then of course Patty Perez. Does that sort of fire you up, it's my turn to get another win myself?

CHARLES HOWELL III: Yeah, it's awfully hard out here. You're reminded every week of how good guys are and how many of them are good. But playing with Hud today, obviously continuing the nice play on, and Pat the local guy, so actually it was a really good group to go out with.