ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: RUSS COCHRAN (-6)

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Q. Just in general, how did the course play?

RUSS COCHRAN: The golf course played soft, and a couple things happen, for me anyway, when that happens. The par 5s are unreachable for me, but the greens hold. So just about every pin that they can tuck on the down-slopes and stuff are accessible. It's a nice trade-off if you get your irons going and you can fly them in there tight, make some putts and shoot low. But the par 5s play a little bit hard, can't reach them.

Q. Did you see this coming?

RUSS COCHRAN: No. You know what, it's been a horrible year and I have not been happy with much of anything. To be honest with you, I hit it close a lot today. I think I probably -- probably six times I hit it within two feet or two-and-a-half feet. So I hit it a foot on 17, a foot on 18, about two-and-a-half feet on maybe 8. I hit it a foot on 9. I mean, I'm sorry, a foot on 10, a foot on 11. So I hit it in there close and that was something that just felt awesome.

But to be honest with you, I've been playing poorly and I'm really hoping that I'll have a few more rounds like this. I'm excited to play well, but I'm not excited, you know, to the point where I know I've got it in a great groove or anything like that.

Q. But when you have a day like today when it happens over and over again, you're just knocking down pins --

RUSS COCHRAN: That's right, knocking down pins. Like I said, after you fly a couple in there and have the confidence that they're just going to stop right there, then you're back there with 7-irons and 5-irons flying right at the hole. So was able to get it in the fairway and take it right at the hole a few times.