

BUBBA WATSON

Q. Bubba, first off, congratulations on putting together this event. What made you want to help put this event together?

BUBBA WATSON: Truthfully, the real answer is when you think about what Dan Gilbert has done for Detroit, there's a lot of avenues he's touched and been a part of in a great way; his companies, him, personally, all those things.

And when I think about what I want to do for Pensacola, I learned from people like him. So when you think about what he's done and tried to do for Detroit, I want to do that in a smaller way in Pensacola, where I was born and raised and now live. So I learn from people like him through different tournaments, different pro-ams, and when he wanted to put this tournament here in Detroit, I was all in. Owning a car dealership with Chevy, GM being up here, there was just so many angles that just touched my heart. And what he's been able to accomplish on and off, charity dollars and business wise, so it was a no-brainer for me.

And then when the Tour, I took the idea to the Tour, they blessed me with the opportunity. Obviously with the Rocket Mortgage team behind us, they let us do it and run wild with it. So it was a dream come true that they let me do it.

Q. Just about the tournament specifically, how do you feel like your game is after that warmup competition today for the real thing?

BUBBA WATSON: Yesterday I hit the ball so good. Today is a little different animal, but I hit the ball so good yesterday and I've been hitting it good. I missed the cut last week, I just putted -- I hit a lot of lip-outs. So I actually feel like I putted well, stats don't show that, and I think I hit it well last week. So I really feel good. This is going into my, what, fourth week in a row. I really feel good about my game and I'm confident where I'm at. Obviously we've still got to score, though, so we've got to somehow get that ball in the hole.