

ROD PAMPLING (-2)

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**Q. Amazing round, tied for the lead here at Firestone. How was your break? You played at Ally as well, correct?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Yes.

**Q. You did, yeah. So you are two weeks in. And how is everything going?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** It's been good. Today wasn't the best ball-striking day, but I managed to scramble around really well, so that kept me in. And I made a couple nice birdies coming down the stretch.

But no, it's nice to be back out playing again, so -- it was tough to sit down and -- a lot of us played a lot of golf, but it was tough not to play competition golf.

**Q. Did you -- so you weren't one of the guys that kind of put down the club for three months?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** No. I have a 15-year-old who likes to play golf as well, so we -- that part was great, we got to play a lot of golf. So it kept me sharp. And we come out and ready to go.

**Q. Can you take me back to kind of the first end of the pre-COVID with the season there, how your game was back then and kind of highlights from January, February, March.**

**ROD PAMPLING:** It was solid. I came out the gates pretty well. I finished third at the Cologuard. I was playing with Bernhard on the last day and I was up there with a chance to win coming down the stretch, but didn't keep it going. But it was pretty good.

So I am just enjoying being out here. It's a lot more stress-free golf. You don't have to worry about smashing as far to keep up with the young guys. So that just makes the game a little bit more relaxing, which is good.

**Q. Sure. Well, this being a major championship, is it kind of an event where you're going to go to the range after this, or you just kind of go home and --**

**ROD PAMPLING:** No, I'll go a little bit on the range, just sort of work out -- try and work out what we were doing today. And yeah, it won't be a lot. Getting old. Recovery is not as good.

**Q. Not as much of a grind.**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Exactly. So it will be a little bit, but not too much.

**Q. All right. Well, good luck this week.**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Thank you.