

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**June 4, 2021**



**ROD PAMPLING ( -5)**

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**Q. What was working for you so well today?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** I drove the ball really well, which left me in a lot of really good spots. Then obviously made a couple nice putts, which I haven't been doing lately, so it was nice to see a few of them go in.

**Q. What's your perspective on this course and the layout of it? What did you think of it today?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Well, obviously I like it so far. No, I enjoy golf courses with undulating fairways, and I think you've got to play golf, hit certain shots in certain positions to get access to the pins. I enjoy it. Obviously it was nice to me today, so hopefully it will keep going for the next few days.

**Q. How do you keep it rolling into Round 2 tomorrow?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Oh, just the same. We were off early today, so we're a little bit later, so I'm guessing it will be a little bit firmer and a bit windier. But again, it's the same game plan, just keep it in spots where you can get it close to the pins.

**Q. Think you'll still be leading by the end of the day? Think your score's going to hold up?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** I'd be surprised. I think someone shoots maybe 6 or 7, but if it doesn't, well, it's good.

**Q. When was the last time you found yourself at the top of the leaderboard, can you remember?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** I think it was when we started last year in the Ozarks, I was up around the lead then. It's been a little while, but we had that big break with COVID, so it's just been getting the game back in the swing and it's finally coming around.

**Q. What's your history here at this tournament? Have you been here a bunch?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** The history here is zero. I haven't been here, so it's my first time here. So far it's -- after day one, the history's good.

**Q. And where are you from originally?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Originally from Australia. We've been in the Dallas area for 20-odd years now. We're based over here now.

**Q. What do you think of Iowa?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** So far, so good. Again, I've only been here for the four days, so it's been fantastic. Staying downtown at the Surety and the hotel's phenomenal. That whole area's really nice.

**Q. Kind of an international flavor, a lot of international flavor. Do you guys kind of relate to each other a little bit?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** A little bit. It's great for that, the diversity of the Tour is phenomenal. We maybe hang with your own countrymen a little bit more, but everyone out here's great and relaxed and having fun, so it's a great tour to be on.