

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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ROD PAMPLING (-10)

Q. Long time, no see.

ROD PAMPLING: I know. It's good.

Q. You were able to string together two really solid rounds, I guess. How's it feel to do that this weekend?

ROD PAMPLING: It's been good. The game, yesterday I said the game's been good, it's just getting putts to go. Finally we're starting to make a few putts out there. Still left a few out there, but thankful we've still got one more day to capitalize on that and see if we can catch up with Tim.

Q. How do you kind of just keep the momentum going for a third straight day?

ROD PAMPLING: Yeah, exactly. Obviously I'm just going to be playing my own game until -- we'll see what the back nine does, whether we have to change plans to try and catch. But who knows, you know? Front nine could change everything. Right now the game plan's working, so we'll just keep it at that.

Q. How different is that mindset when you do have to make up a few strokes on a guy that's playing really good golf as well?

ROD PAMPLING: Obviously you feel like you have to be a bit more aggressive, but you're trying not, you've just got to really tackle your own way you want to play the golf course and let them kind of -- if you keep knocking it close, they'll see that and puts some pressure on them. That's what you've got to do. But obviously Tim's playing some good golf, and I think he's won a few events, so I think he knows what to do.

Q. Feeling at home on this course after two rounds?

ROD PAMPLING: Yeah, I like it. As I said, when I got here Monday I really liked the layout, so so far it's been good to me. So hopefully another day and we'll see what we can do.

Q. A tournament like this where one round can seemingly change everything, how important is just having the opportunity to be as close as you are going into Sunday?

ROD PAMPLING: Well, you have to be. If you're not close, you've got no chance. It makes Sundays interesting when you're close. That's what we're looking for, just have a chance. That's what we've got now and we'll just go out tomorrow and see what we can do.

Q. What would it mean to close this one out, come back tomorrow and win it?

ROD PAMPLING: Oh, it would be awesome. There's always the expectation when you come out here, you're supposed to win straightaway. We got hit with the COVID scenario so we had a bit of time off and kind of lost a bit of the momentum. Thankfully it's coming around. Yeah, it would be great to kickstart next year and the years on.