

MATT JONES
RYAN PALMER (-11)

Q. You guys got off to a hot start, had a little cold spell in the middle and then came on strong at the end. How would you kind of characterize the first round?

MATT JONES: I think it was pretty good, a couple loose shots. We left quite a few out there with missing some putts that we should have made, especially when you have two chances at it, but we're not going to be in a terrible position going into tomorrow and the next day, so it was a good start, good first time for me.

Q. Ryan, how would you kind of characterize the first round for you guys as partners playing together for the first time?

RYAN PALMER: It's fun. We've known each other a long time out here on the PGA TOUR, so getting to know him wasn't a problem, that's for sure. No, I knew it was going to be fun. I knew how well he drives the ball and how good his short game is. We actually teamed up pretty well. I think my iron play was not bad, could have been a little better, I think, but overall we both putted pretty solid, just didn't make some putts there in the middle part of the round we should have, I think. The way he's driving the ball, I'm not too worried about him not being there tomorrow, or myself. We'll go have a good time tonight like we did last night and give it another go.

Q. The fact that he was driving the ball so well, did that give you maybe a little freedom to go after a few out there today?

RYAN PALMER: Yeah, if he drives it that way tomorrow, I'm confident I can bring my iron game into play tomorrow and let him keep rolling the ball the way he's rolling it. That'll kind of be the game plan tomorrow. On the other side, I'm also driving the ball well, so we'll definitely have some decision making to make when it comes to second shots tomorrow, but it should be fun.

Q. How big will tomorrow be? That usually seems to be the one, if there is any separation, to create some?

MATT JONES: It will be, but if we play the way we did today where I drive it and he irons it, with my chipping and how we can putt, we're actually a very good combination of a combined golfer out there. If we do play how we know we can, I think we can do very well tomorrow.

RYAN PALMER: Tomorrow's the day, you'll see the separation tomorrow for sure. With the

modified alternate shot format, you don't get those two chances at it. Tomorrow will be the round to set you up for the best ball come Sunday.

Q. Matt, since you're a first-year player, just your thoughts on the ceremony last night? And maybe Ryan, too. I know you've been --

MATT JONES: Yeah, it was quite a tear jerker, especially when you have kids yourself. It was my first time being here so to realize what QBE and CureSearch, everything they do here for the last 33 years is quite impressive. I honestly had no idea the funding that's gone into the cancer side of it from the QBE Shark Shootout and it was very good. I was very happy to be there.

RYAN PALMER: Yeah, it's always a special night. Like he said, a tear jerker. Went through the cancer battle myself with my wife, Jennifer. Fortunately, she's doing great.

But I was able to meet the family there on Thursday and we talked a little bit about their son and everything. What a night they put on. Greg Norman does an awesome job, what QBE does, Mercedes Benz to cure cancer. It's always a night that I'm very proud and honored to be a part of and I look forward to it every year.