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ROB LABRITZ (-5)

Q. Just for you personally, just how has your Firestone experience been? Is this your first experience here?

ROB LABRITZ: Never played before, my first experience and it is one of the greatest layouts I've ever played, and I've played them all. You've got to hit all sorts of shots out here, cuts, draws, you've got to be on the right side of the fairway to get to the left side of the flags. It's just amazing, love it. See if we can shoot another low one tomorrow and do something.

Q. What's it been like for you to do something, making the most of this opportunity here on the PGA Tour Champions? You've just seen success, first-page leaderboards, et cetera, et cetera. Just finding success and backing it up, what does that all mean to you?

ROB LABRITZ: I'm having fun. I'm having the most fun I've ever had in my life and I'm going to continue to have fun out here. I've waited my entire life to be here, I'm here and I'm going to just make the most of it and work my butt off to stay here and hopefully make more birdies.

Q. Golf can be a frustrating sport. How do you keep that perspective of fun and keep that going through the ebbs and flows that this can provide?

ROB LABRITZ: I'm not into the frustration. Frustration and me don't exist. If I shoot 80, I'm still out here doing what I love, doing what I want to do. I want to be here, so I'm not going to get frustrated if I want to be somewhere.

Q. What does that mean to you just hearing that positivity, just being able to back it up on the course and also just keep that mental positivity through days, weeks and months through the season?

ROB LABRITZ: Yeah, I've worked hard, I've worked hard to be happy and be out here and want to be here. I've worked hard to keep my body in shape and just to get out here, so every day that I have is a bonus day for me. Like I said, I'm living the dream here, so I'm just going to keep continuing to hopefully shoot under par and see what happens.

Q. Among tour life, who are some of the guys that you've really kind of bonded with, that you've formed relationships? I mean, you could see the camaraderie between the three of you out there today, too.

ROB LABRITZ: All of them, all the guys out here are special. They've all been playing phenomenal golf their entire lives. I'm learning from each one of them, I respect the heck out of each one of them and being the unlegend out here, I've got to keep shooting under par and maybe I can become a legend on the Champions Tour, you never know.

Q. How much do you -- you mentioned you draw from that. How much maybe if you see a rough, maybe this is a Bernie Langer shot, I can draw on that? Or seeing a shot from a guy, maybe stealing a shot for your own game and maybe finding -- maybe visualizing that, just how maybe in your time here have you drawn on those experiences from your peers to help you with your game?

ROB LABRITZ: Every time I play with a legend I draw on it, every time. I learn from every guy that's out here, from Mike Weir to every guy that I've played with. I've watched a little bit and then I've got to get myself in my own game, but as a teacher, I'm an observer as well, so I'm learning a lot.

Q. How much of being a teacher (inaudible)?

ROB LABRITZ: I've got to learn to be less of a teacher right now. I've got to learn to be more of a player, but I was a 31-year director of golf so I'm starting to get a little more selfish I guess to say. Not in a bad way, but just to kind of get my golf game to the point where I can just keep shooting under par. It's all about getting the ball in the hole out here, so I'm not going to do anything but just try to focus on finding ways to get it in the hole in the least amount of strokes.

Q. What's your favorite hole out here?

ROB LABRITZ: Eighteen of them, everyone of them. Honest to God, there's not a bad hole out here. I couldn't -- I can go around every golf course and go, okay, this hole's not great, this hole's not great. There's (inaudible) out here. I'll say all 18 of them.