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ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE  
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RYAN McCORMICK ( -13)



**Q. I mean, a couple birdies today, tough to back up after the round you had yesterday. How would you assess today as a whole?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** Didn't score awesome. I don't know, I guess they didn't pick it up on the broadcast, but honestly glad to just be playing this weekend.

I teed off on 10 and realized when my ball was on 11 green that I had a different ball than I normally play, like a different version of the Pro V1, so last year's ball. I was in the hotel putting around today and just threw it in my bag, didn't think of it. I got up on 11 green and noticed it was different. So I played it on 10 and 11 and realized that I didn't have any other balls, because like the one-ball rule, can't play any other ball, so I had one ball to play.

It was like insane. Hit it in the fescue on 12 and I'm honestly thinking DQ'd. Like if I don't find this ball, like I'm going home. We found it and luckily, thanks to Darren and Trace Crow, they had the same ball, was able to get a few by like two holes later. Just tried to not lose it for like -- I mean, it was insane. I mean, that aside, I'm just happy to be playing, it's nice. It was stressful.

**Q. How much different or what's the biggest difference I guess between the ball that you had to play today and the one that you --**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** Thankfully, I've, you know, played it before, so I know what it is compared to this newer version. Just a little higher launch, a little higher spin. A little windy today, definitely had to adjust for that on some shots. Yeah, all things considered, I'm thankful to be playing.

**Q. Have you ever run into a scenario where you were short on golf balls or had something --**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** No.

**Q. Have you had anything like this, even remotely close to this?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** No. I mean, my caddie, he was fishing for balls out on 13 before we knew we had more. So like he was taking the rake on 13 fishing for balls out of the water hoping that we got the same ball. That was where I was at during the round.



**Q. What's like the distinguishing mark, like how could you even tell?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** I only know because I've changed this year and I've practiced with it a little bit at home. But it's not, like I just, I happened to notice on 11 and thank God I did. Yeah, the arrows are just slightly different, just slightly.

**Q. I guess with that, yeah, I mean, I don't know, does anybody else have anything? I can't really ask a question.**

**No, tell me a little more about -- you said Darren and Trace Crow helped you get more balls. How did that actually happen and work out?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** I owe them whatever they want. I called a rules official on 12 and talked to him and explained the situation. He was like, OK. And I was like, you know, like can I send someone to the pro shop? But no one's going to have the old golf ball here.

Darren had one, Trace had a couple. Came back a couple holes later, was like, here, we've got some golf balls for you.

**Q. I didn't even know you could do that.**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** Yeah.

**Q. Did you wind up losing any today?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** I didn't, yeah, but it was on my mind for a solid hour to start the day. Yeah, I was going to have my caddie go back to the hotel, see if he could find one. Basically, like fire him, hire somebody, have him come back -- we went through the whole thing.

Yeah, I mean, the only shot I was worried about was 18 really. I would have just laid up left.

**Q. So that was some added pressure for you all day. Obviously contending is on your mind, but really your focus is more on just don't lose this ball, is that just added pressure?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** Yeah, yeah. I mean, it's the most rattled I've ever been in my career. I can't believe I did that. Yeah, I was just, yeah.

**Q. I don't think people realize like how often pros go through balls. Me as an amateur, I want to keep the same ball all day even if it hits off the cart path. How often are pros changing balls throughout a round?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** Oh, yeah, I mean, probably -- some guys are more aggressive, but, you know, sometimes with these newer ones, when you hit a full wedge shot it can rip the



cover off the ball. Guys will play like four, five balls and that's not abnormal.

So I hit my ball on 12 off the cart path and it went into the fescue and it had like pretty serious cart marks on it that I had to play with for a couple holes. I would have replaced it if I could have.

**Q. I know Hagan asked the question about pressure and you said yeah, it's the most frantic you've ever been, but also in almost a weird paradoxical way, did it also, you know, help you play better because you're like, I've got this one ball and that's it and I have to make it work?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** Honestly, I wish I could say that it would help me focus, but no. I was just like -- literally, if I lose this ball, my tournament is over. Like I can't play, I have no more golf balls. Yeah, insane.

**Q. What did you learn about yourself today?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** (Laughs.) I don't know. You know, people who know me would say that that's not like totally abnormal for me to do. Unfortunately, I wish I could say differently. Yeah, I mean, gosh, never again. Check my ball every time now before I go play.

And the fact that like I picked that one ball out of like I had eight balls in the bag, eight or nine, so there was only one of those in the bag and I just picked it out on the first hole. The chances of me picking that ball out was like --

**Q. One in nine.**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** Yeah.

**Q. It's got to feel like you're playing with house money now for the weekend, because maybe you shouldn't have been here now, right?**

**RYAN McCORMICK:** That's what it feels like. It's like I don't know. Yeah, it was very rattling, so I'm happy to be playing the weekend.

