

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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SAM RYDER (-10)

Q. Sam, a lot happened for you on the last four, five holes.

SAM RYDER: Yeah.

Q. What flipped the switch?

SAM RYDER: Nothing really. I didn't really change -- yeah, nothing really much changed in terms of my approach or what I was doing, I just tried to stay aggressive, got a couple numbers right and got a couple putts to fall. Obviously a really nice bomb on the last.

Just really felt like I've been swinging well for the past month-plus now, have the confidence coming in. It was kind of just really my theme was to kind of stay patient. Today was a long day finishing yesterday's round. I felt like it was one of those things, it was kind of trying because I felt like I should be scoring better than what it was. Feel like I've been swinging it well. Yeah, just kind of kept plugging along and it was nice to see a couple go in at the end.

Q. How many holes did you have to play today to finish the round?

SAM RYDER: I started on five, I was in five fairway, so I had the second half of the back nine and then into -- yeah, because I was the second-to-last group yesterday.

Q. Thirty-one holes?

SAM RYDER: Yeah, 31 holes, around there.

Q. So you're a little bit whipped maybe?

SAM RYDER: Yeah, I'm tired, but feel good. I've been resting well, taking care of myself, so kind of paid off today. Felt like it was a long day and having some -- you know, I didn't play last week, so I was a little bit fresher I think coming in having the week off. Could have paid off, could have paid dividends there.

Q. Is it difficult in the same day to play a lot of golf at Seaside and then come over to the Plantation?

SAM RYDER: They're definitely different, but right now I think the way the conditions are just soft, it's kind of be aggressive everywhere. It's not as different. And the wind, we've been dealing with the same wind the last couple days so we know this northeast wind we've kind of had.

It's a little different. I've always felt a little more comfortable on Seaside. I probably scored just as well there, which still isn't amazing, you know, for my record here. But yeah, it's really just -- it was a little softer on Plantation. Just the nature of where that course is, it's not quite as sand based. It was wet, so you had to be aggressive and control spin in the greens. Yeah, just that was kind of the theme was be aggressive, but kind of stay patient.

Q. What did you hit into 18 over here?

SAM RYDER: I hit a 3-iron. Not a lot of guys carry 3 irons anymore.

Q. What was your number?

SAM RYDER: I had 255 hole maybe. I kind of hit a heel cut drive and left me a little longer than I wanted. Yeah, I just kind of -- it was a good number to just rip out a 3-iron. Wasn't really worried about it ever going long, so I just needed to hit it solid.

Q. And we don't have any Shotlink, what's your best guess on the putt?

SAM RYDER: It was a solid 50-footer probably. I was from the left bottom tier. I kind of hit it in the middle and kind of worked to the bottom left, but I was pin high so it was almost more straight up the hill. I had a good feel from watching Ryan and Willie's putts and chips. Yeah, it was just nice. I was just focused on having good speed and it looked really good after it got up the tier and dropped.

Q. How long's the putt on 14? That was a par-5, the other par 5. Or how did you make that birdie?

SAM RYDER: Yeah, I had probably a 35-, 40-footer for eagle and kind of left it short, and had probably five or six feet left, more than I wanted, but I didn't give the eagle putt a very good run.

Q. And the par 3, how long was that putt?

SAM RYDER: That was six or seven feet.

Q. And then next hole?

SAM RYDER: That was probably about 12 to 15 feet.

Q. OK. Did you have a particular goal this week other than play well, winning? Everybody's got that goal. But are you a little bit more relaxed because you didn't necessarily have to -- you're not in a position where you have to --

SAM RYDER: Yeah, I'm not worried about 125 stuff, but I'm sixth right now on the FedEx

Fall, so I'm kind of the bubble for these swing spots to play into these signature events to start the year. That's really what's propelled me through the fall. That's been my goal since I finished, because I made the Playoffs, made it to Memphis, and fell a little short and didn't make it to the next, the BMW.

But my goal has been to try and have a good fall and play my way into the first couple signature events. There's 10 spots there, so it's kept me motivated and kept me driven throughout the fall. I feel like it's just going to be a really good way to start the year if you can get into a couple of those big events early.