

THE PANAMA CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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RYAN GERARD (-5)

Q. Another good round and still in contention. Just walk us through the difference maybe between yesterday and today.

RYAN GERARD: Yeah, I mean, today was a grind. I didn't feel like I had my best stuff out there, so I just really was trying to just eke out everything else that I had in me. I played pretty solid despite hitting a few wayward shots especially early in the round. Just tried to reset mentally and just stay positive the whole day. We kind of just fought all day, and just unfortunate at the end I made a bogey.

Overall, I mean, there's worse things than shooting even par on this golf course in the afternoon. It is playing really tough and it is very hard to make putts, so you've got to hit really, really good golf shots out there and you get exposed if you don't.

Q. As someone who's got some experience here on the weekend, what's going to change between tonight and tomorrow?

RYAN GERARD: It's just going to get firmer. I'm assuming the pin placements, a few of the ones that they haven't used yet, some of them are going to be really hard, some are going to be really easy, so big disparity between good shots and bad shots out there. Just going to be a premium on quality struck shots into the greens. And whoever can make a few putts towards the end of the round is going to be the guy that holds the trophy. Just going to really go out there and trust the process, go handle my business and see what happens.

Q. Does it help knowing that unlike some other places like you don't have to go out and shoot like a 64 here tomorrow?

RYAN GERARD: Yeah, that's always a nice feeling that if you play your game, even if you don't get everything to fall, you'll be just fine. Yeah, definitely, but I'd say there's a lot of really good guys atop this leaderboard, so just got to stay patient and you've got to let it come to you, you can't go out there and try to force the issue.

Q. From your previous like experiences in contention on a Sunday, is there anything that you have to like watch yourself for in particular, like you can get out of rhythm or get sped up or anything like that?

RYAN GERARD: Yeah, so twosomes tomorrow, things will be moving pretty quickly. It's just you want to make sure that when it is your turn to hit that you're not rushing, you're not



doing too much too quickly. I that I that's a big thing. You can kind of sometimes get caught in that trap because it's two balls, first time we've done that all year. Really everyone's playing quick and that's a good thing, but yeah, you've got to make sure that you're not overdoing it and rushing when it's your turn to hit.

Q. What would you say you're looking forward to the most tomorrow?

RYAN GERARD: Everyone plays golf to -- competitive golf that is, to be in contention on the last day. To have that opportunity's always fun and exciting and I can't wait to go out there and see how it shakes out.

