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ROUND 1 QUOTES
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RYAN BLAUM (-8)

Q. Great round, massive streak of birdies on the front nine. How would you assess the last like four holes, just that closing stretch and the challenges that it presents coming home?

RYAN BLAUM: Yeah, especially off the tee, this course doesn't let up, so getting ahead of yourself wasn't going to do you any good out here.

I drove the ball great all day. I was able to work it both ways, which you have to hit fairways. I think my length right now, I'm not the longest hitter out here and I think it can help me a little bit because it just kind of keeps you hitting it straight, not having to curve it a lot out here.

But six birdies is nice. Blacked out for a minute there, I think I made three-putts over 20 feet in that stretch. Just take 'em.

Q. This is an historic venue for the country. What do you feel like walking around here and seeing some of the historic signage, the old clubhouse, old-school kind of course?

RYAN BLAUM: Well, I played PGA TOUR Latinoamerica in 2013 and it kind of just brings me back to that atmosphere that I had at Delta, the last event of the season out there. It was the Argentina Open then. It's going to be a good atmosphere on the weekend. They do it right, it's the national open and looking forward to it.

Q. And how cool is it to know Sunday there's a chance to play your way into a major championship?

RYAN BLAUM: That's really cool, and you don't think about that until Sunday at 3:00, you know. Right now it's just get rest and get ready for tomorrow.

Q. Looking ahead to the season, what would you say some of your goals are for this year?

RYAN BLAUM: To win is a goal. I mean, I think to a certain extent it's not required to finish top-30, but it certainly goes a long way out here. That's one of my goals. And once I check that box, then I can go on to the next.



Q. You made a post last night about the last time you were here in Argentina you walked away the PGA Tour Americas player of the year trophy, so you drew some inspiration from that?

RYAN BLAUM: I did, I did, I had some good vibes from kind of looking back from my pictures from them. That's about as far back as my phone goes with photos. So I got to scroll all the way down and find some photos from that really fun day.

