

## CLUB CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

### ROUND 1 QUOTES

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### PHILLIP KNOWLES (-6)

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**Q. Phil, 5 under on day one, seemed like today was kind of a day of survival with all the wind. Got to be pretty happy with it?**

**PHILLIP KNOWLES:** Yeah, I was actually 6 under, too. The walking scorer had me wrong.

Yeah, it was pretty easy in a lot of ways. Good golf often seems pretty easy. Made a few big putts there in that stretch in the middle of the front nine, a couple good shots. Made a big putt for eagle on 5.

You know, honestly, I kind of want to go to the driving range right now and hit a few golf balls. I hit it pretty good, but there's a few shots that I look back and a couple of par 3s off the tee I just hit some chunks, made some bogeys. So, I mean, 6 under's really good and I'd take 6 under tomorrow if you gave it to me right now, but I feel like there's just some things I need to clean up. Not saying that I'm going to shoot 8 under tomorrow, but yeah, I was very pleased in general.

**Q. Only third start of the year and first since Panama. With all that off time, expectations coming into the week, or mentality? How was it?**

**PHILLIP KNOWLES:** I mean, you never really know. Playing golf at home is very different than playing golf on the road in a tournament. Even the very first hole today I hit a perfect tee ball and then I just pulled a wedge left in a horrible spot. I talked to my caddie after, I was like, yeah, I was feeling some adrenaline there and definitely that played into the fact that I pulled this wedge off the green.

Expectations? Expectations are to come and compete. You don't tee it up if you don't think you can win. There's a lot of golf ahead and I haven't gotten to play a lot of golf lately, so this is exciting. This is kind of what I came to do and came to find out where I was.

**Q. This course, this tournament seems to be one of the favorites amongst all the players. What about it makes it special?**

**PHILLIP KNOWLES:** Conditioning is superb, greens are as good as any we play all year, fairways are really good. The hospitality is great. Like the event itself is just run really well. So I think all those things play into it. The golf course itself is fun, like it's not overly difficult but it's also like you have to still go hit golf shots and you have to have good touch with the putter, you have to have good touch around the greens. If you're doing things well, you can



shoot good numbers. That's often a favorite amongst players is those golf courses where if you play good golf you'll get rewarded and if you play bad golf you can shoot 75.

**Q. Eagle on 5, can you take us through that, how close you stuck it?**

**PHILLIP KNOWLES:** We had -- when we got to the tee, there were two groups on the tee when we finished 4, so we stood there for probably 45 minutes, 30 to 45 minutes just waiting around. So you start moving around, eating some snacks, try to stay loose.

The two guys in my group laid up. It was just kind of a perfect like kind of fade driver for me, I didn't have to do anything too special. Wind was off the left, too. I just hit a nice one out to the left and it kind of worked back towards the hole, ended up 45, 50 feet right behind the hole on the green. I hit a good putt. If it didn't hit the hole, it was probably going 10 feet by, so I'm glad the hole got in the way. But it was still a quality putt, just a little harder than perfect speed.

