

## DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

### ROUND 1 QUOTES

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### ROCCO MEDIATE (-7)

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**Q. Rocco, off to a great start, 6 under today. Just a few highlights about what you felt good about.**

**ROCCO MEDIATE:** Everything worked. I drove crappy on some holes, but I drove good on the holes I needed to, I guess.

No, I haven't played healthy since Tucson. I've been out a lot, been out for a couple two months. I'm ecstatic, ecstatic. Feel much better, yeah.

**Q. With that said, did you have many high expectations coming into this week?**

**ROCCO MEDIATE:** I worked on it. Rick and I -- Ricky Smith and I worked on it just to get me -- see if I could get there. Stress out a little bit, and we did. And today had nothing, which is huge. I'm always waiting. And I made a couple really terrible moves with the driver and I still didn't feel it. I'm pretty happy.

**Q. Besides being old, what was ailing you?**

**ROCCO MEDIATE:** Well, I had a -- well, the surgery 30 years ago, OK, L2-3, which is just above the beltline. The disc below will take the heat because that disc is toast, so L4. I knew it wasn't like a disc issue. My spine went to tilt to the right because that disc is -- everything moves over there. So massive amount of -- it was painful, but it was more restrictive than pain. And you can't -- what are you going to do out here?

So I don't know if it was -- it was just that surgery that caused this. So Dr. Hope at home in Minnesota, when I got there we looked at the x-ray and it was like I saw it, you could see 4 was tilted to the right just a little. Not bulged, not broken, nothing. So we moved it, moved it for four, five, six days and got it back to where it belongs. Now I've just got to keep it there. Little stretches, not much else but stretches. Guys here -- it was pretty good yesterday. It was a little -- I was like, uh-oh. And this is my sixth -- because I played Monday and Tuesday at Newport, drove down, played Wednesday and Thursday in a pro-am and today, so I'm OK, I'm not tired. But I figured if it's going to go, it's going to go and it didn't. I'll work on it, I'll keep messing with it a little bit.

I'm ecstatic, are you kidding me? I literally haven't played -- this is my -- well, pro-am, so I played Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. This is my fifth round, sixth round since I left -- where did I leave? Alabama, yeah. So, no, I'm still there. I'm not gone yet.



**Q. It's the shoes.**

**ROCCO MEDIATE:** It's the shoes, shoes help. They're hot today, though. Boy, they're hot.

No, it was good, I'm ecstatic. We had a great -- golf course is fantastic. You've got to drive it here and I picked a couple of the right holes to miss the fairway on, the par 5s, because I can't reach them anyways. Hopefully, I fix that tomorrow.

