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Q. Ken, you obviously know this golf course very well, it's got a lot of elevation, water moves around here. What are you seeing from the golf course with all the rain that we've seen so far?

KEN TACKETT: Well, the golf course, it's just overwhelmed with the amount of rain we've received so far. I think luckily we haven't seen the downpours that create the streams to overflow quickly to create a type of flash flooding. It's just a slow steady rain, so the golf course is just overwhelmed, it can't keep up with it.

Q. And the system is continuing to put water on the golf course. What do you anticipate will be the challenges to get this golf course ready?

KEN TACKETT: The challenge, we just need time. The golf course just has to drain, and once that happens -- so hopefully, talking with Stewart Williams, our meteorologist on site, sometime later tonight, early tomorrow morning it's going to subside and the golf course will slowly drain. And then Chad Cromer, his team, small staff, 60 volunteers, will get out there and will have a Herculean feat to get the place cleaned up after the rains and winds and flooding.

Also, Bobby Powell and his team will have to go through and get the operational components cleaned up. There's fences down everywhere and signage that needs to be cleaned up.

And then when all that happens, we'll be able to resume, or I should say begin Round 1.

Q. And that is the question. Do you have a sense of when that first round would start?

KEN TACKETT: You know, not a specific time. It would be irresponsible to throw a number out there, but hopefully sometime tomorrow morning we can get Round 1 going, and with that there's still hope to try to wrap things up and get things finished Sunday evening. Probably not about 6:00 p.m., but just a lot of golf. The forecast for Saturday and Sunday are pretty good and then if need be, we always will go into Monday to get 72 holes in.

