

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE**  
**August 10, 2024**

**AARON RAI (-10)**



**Q. Aaron, off to a fantastic start. Just a few comments about what you're feeling good about. Obviously coming into the week playing really well, just a few comments about the first two rounds.**

**AARON RAI:** Yeah, I played really nicely. The course is definitely a little more scorable with how soft it is, also with playing preferred lies. Yeah, played really nicely tee to green. Felt pretty comfortable on the greens as well. Yeah, very pleased with how the first two days have gone.

**Q. And as Tom asked you about here, 15th hole, can you talk to us about what suits your eye and your game so well on 15 these two days?**

**AARON RAI:** Yeah, I think getting it in the fairway off the tee is key. It's very hard to go for the green in two if you're off the fairway. Hit two really good drives and had two really good numbers for 5-wood both days. Pin was back right yesterday, pin was front right today, so just suits nice little fades. Hit two great shots and made two really nice putts.

I'm not sure if there's anything in particular that really suits my eye, I've just hit some really good shots down there and made the putts.

**Q. And it has been a lot of stopping and starting, a lot of waiting around and so forth. I realize golf is an outdoor sport and this kind of stuff happens, but does that interfere with any kind of a mindset or groove that you try to get in or do you just try to take what comes?**

**AARON RAI:** I think you have to take what comes. I think also we've been fortunate over the last couple days that it has been a little stop-start, but we've been given a lot of notice beforehand. For instance, on Thursday we were told pretty early there was going to be no play on Thursday, which made it pretty easy to plan. We knew the tee times yesterday were going to be pushed back by I think three hours, we knew that pretty early, which definitely made it easy to plan as well.

I think we've been fortunate that the weather has stayed clear in periods which has allowed us to just play stretches of 18 holes. I think we've been fortunate in that sense. It definitely could have been worse.

**Q. And last question, the course, obviously they're doing a really good job. Is that accurate they've done a really nice job with the conditions of the course?**



**AARON RAI:** It's incredible how good of a job that they've done. After seeing some of the pictures on Thursday, playing it yesterday was incredible considering how wet that it was the previous day. The greens have rolled really well, too, over the last two days. Yeah, the greenskeepers have done a fantastic job. Hopefully over the next couple days it will be a little drier.

**Q. Actually, one last one, I'm sorry. I was in Detroit and a few other events where you've made it a point to come out and congratulate the eventual winner. That's such a nice gesture. Has that always been a part of your personality, just to be congratulatory, complimentary for other people for good work done?**

**AARON RAI:** Yeah, 100 percent. Whether it's me that wins or whether it's someone else that wins, there's a huge amount of work that goes into it and it's an amazing journey that every single player is on. When that culminates in a victory whether that's the first victory or multiple victories, it's very special for whoever that it is. I think everyone who's playing on the Tour can appreciate how difficult it is to win and how difficult it is to even get to this stage. Yeah, taking an extra few minutes to congratulate someone is not too much of an ask.

**Q. Well, congratulations on a first few good rounds.**

**AARON RAI:** Thank you.

