

**ROUND 1 QUOTES**  
**August 23, 2024**

**ROD PAMPLING (-5)**



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**Q. Rod, off to a great start, bogey-free 5-under 67 today, correct?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Five-under 67.

**Q. Off to a great start either way with a bogey-free round. Just what felt good today?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** Everything's been close but just hasn't had anything click all year. Even the start of the week wasn't feeling good and I just had a feeling that I went with on Thursday in the pro-am and it started coming around. Yeah, and plus I have good memories on this golf course, which helps a lot. And the course is phenomenal. It's firm, it's fast, it's playing great, which we haven't had it like this for a long time, we've always had all that rain. But this week's going to be phenomenal for us. So no, it all clicked, it was just a good solid day. Left a few out there still, but hopefully pick 'em up the next few days.

**Q. What was it, if I may ask, that you feel like you figured out early in the week?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** I think I was just getting really wristy with my hands, like when I took them back, just too loose. Basically just tried to void 'em out of the game and take them back and just start with my arms down. Yeah, everything started to come out of the middle again, which was nice. It was nice to have some confidence to get up there and hit iron shots and we hit a lot of good ones today.

**Q. A lot of guys mentioned earlier in the week that conditions were going to be really good for scoring and it hadn't really been the last couple years. Do you take that into account before the round?**

**ROD PAMPLING:** I don't know if the scoring wouldn't have been good, it's a lot stronger this week because it's so much firmer. We've had -- you get the fairways are a lot wider when it's softer, so you hit more fairways. But now you've got to play good golf again, which we always have to play good golf, but when it's firmer, you've got to really hit your irons flush to have a good chance. And they're quick, the greens. It gets your attention. It's more you know the scoring's going to be good, but you can't do anything about anyone else, you just take care of yourself and hopefully it's good enough.