

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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CHANDLER PHILLIPS (-6)



Q. Chandler, 6 under to start the RSM, nice playing. How would you assess your day and what you were able to do well?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Yeah, I hit it well considering the wind, you know. Wind was howling out there.

I'm sure the guys on Seaside had it a little worse just because it's right on the water and everything. Hit 17 and 18 greens and I putted decent. Just added it up at the end and it's 6 under.

Q. What's like your instinct when it gets windy? Do you like it?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Oh, yeah, no, I love it, I love it just because it's like it kind of reminds me of Texas. Summer and winter it gets howling. You've got to hit some shots and swing thoughts kind of go out the window and you're just kind of playing, you know. I'm a feel player, so that's -- these types of -- these type of days like I like a lot just because I can, you know, try to hit an 8-iron at 130, you know what I mean? So it just I like 'em a lot.

Q. Do you feel any sort of pressure this week of trying to kind of break into the Aon Next 10 or anything or do you feel pretty free about kind of nothing to lose?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: I'm not worried about any of that. I mean, if I get in it, I get in it. I'm just out here playing last tournament of the year and, you know, that's about it.

I'm not worried about any of that just because if I start worrying about it, then I'll, you know, start thinking about it too much and it ain't going to be good. I never play good when I start worrying about things like that.

Q. What's your favorite moment, your memory from this season? What do you think you'll remember about kind of your rookie year?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Probably Valspar just because that's my best finish all year and really the only week that I had like an actual chance to win. Yeah, no, that week would probably top everything.

But a lot of good weeks. I feel like I've played well. It's crazy that I feel like I've played better than being 100th on the points, but hey, you know what, whatever, you know?

Q. Do you sense like a little bit of a different tension from some guys who are around

the bubbles or does it seem -- does the week seem pretty chill overall?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: I mean, I haven't talked to anybody that's like really around the bubble, nor would I ask them because if I was on the bubble, I wouldn't really want to be talking about it, but that's just me. I'm going to try to avoid that with some guys.

I'm sure, you know, it's a stressful week for some and even some that have been playing really good this year and trying to get in those few elevated events at the beginning of the year.

You know, everybody's playing for something this week, which we always are, but tensions are a little bit higher this week. We'll see.

Q. What's your plan for the offseason?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Man, I actually thought about not even playing this tournament honestly, but I played SECs here every year and I was like, I've got to go play. I always played pretty well at SECs.

So yeah, I mean, I didn't practice at all last week though. I left Cabo and ended up getting home at about 8:00 on Monday and I drove through the night and went to Kansas and went deer hunting for the whole week. Got back pretty much Sunday and flew out Monday to come here. That's what I'm going to be doing here as soon as this tournament ends.

Q. What were you doing in Kansas?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Deer hunting, yeah. And then the rest of the break or the offseason I'll be duck hunting somewhere, I don't know. I'll run into somebody somewhere, you know.

Q. How long -- was that drive through the night?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Well, I left at 8:30 and I pulled up to my buddy's place at 4:50 a.m. and took a 30-minute nap and got up and went hunting.

Q. Perfect.

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Yeah. I mean, I'm dragging a little bit this week, but you know, priorities.

Q. One shot at a time.

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Exactly. No, I mean, the thing is, it seems like when I get my mind off of golf, no matter what I'm doing, I tend to, you know, just for myself, you know, tournament, not tournament, I feel like I play a little bit better when I kind of take a week off and don't even think about golf and just kind of go have fun and do the things I love off the

golf course.

Then when I come back, I'm not thinking about the five days that I practiced and I couldn't figure out how to hit it, you know? I mean, it's like a reset and I had a week reset and now I'm here and I played well the first round. I don't know how I'm going to play the next three, or hopefully the next three, but we'll see.

Q. So did you decide Friday to play or when did you make the final --

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: No, no, it was -- I mean, I was talking about it before the fall season started. I mean, it would be dumb for me not to come play here just because I've seen Seaside I don't know how many times just from practice rounds at SECs.

You know, they switched SECs to like national championship stuff, you know, like three rounds of stroke play and then you go into match play and stuff like that. So if you make it to the final match, I mean, you could play seven rounds on Seaside just tournament rounds and that's not even including practice rounds. So four years of that, I mean, I was like, well, yeah, I'm gonna go. So we'll see. Last week, I'm just here having fun.