

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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GREG CHALMERS (-7)

Q. Greg, thanks for joining us. A year ago you made your debut on PGA TOUR Champions, had an incredible season, now you're top of the leaderboard, 7 under today. What is it about this course and the journey that you've been on?

GREG CHALMERS: Yeah, look, I really do enjoy this, it's got a good vibe about it for me because obviously it was my first event and had a great week.

I think we got a little blessed today with the weather. Even though it was cold and a little windy, it certainly could have been a lot, lot worse so that gave me a little bit of gee up so I was pretty happy about that.

And then I got away to an OK start and then I just kept building, kept hitting solid shots. Every time I got into a little bit of trouble I got up and down, and there were some really good chips and pitches.

Then the fast finish there with birdies on 17 and 18 with some good iron shots and good wedge shots. I'm really, really pleased and looking forward to the next couple days.

Q. How much did the weather affect you out there today?

GREG CHALMERS: Yeah, look, it does and what I try and do is just be a little tough and just understand that it's tough for everyone.

I honestly didn't know or think that 7 under was doable, I thought 4 or 5 or 3 when I saw the scores popping up would -- is a nice round. I think when I was 5 under with two to play, that's a nice round, and then I birdied and it makes it even better, makes it even sweeter at the end.

So I think we got a little blessed too with the wind direction kind of switched a little on us and we were able to play the par 5s, 9 and 16 were a little bit even downwind and reached most of them on the front nine at least that I can. So that's an advantage. And the greens are perfect. It really wasn't as hard of scoring as I thought it was going to be so I'm pleased to get a great round in.

Q. Any (inaudible)?

GREG CHALMERS: Yeah, so I think we got a little better weather coming in tomorrow and I'm going to be off last group and late. I usually do better when I'm a little warmer. Look, and we start again.

I've got a lot of good processes in place and just hit good shots and we'll see what score it is. It's always difficult to shoot a low round and then back it up with even more low rounds, but what I've noticed is there's a lot of good players and they tend to do it at some point. So there's guys behind me who are thinking let's go low tomorrow.

I'm just going to try to keep hitting good shots and see the putts fall in and we'll see what happens.

Q. What led to your strong finish?

GREG CHALMERS: Just a really quality iron shot on the 17th. I hit a 7-iron that I actually faded in there about eight feet right of the hole, really tricky read and I managed to make that.

Then I had a lob wedge into 18 and I hit that in six feet left of the hole and made that. That was a makeable putt for me, left-right putt. It's just a combination of some good shots, and they're downwind today, so a little more friendly.

Q. And just the event with awareness for colorectal cancer, what do you think about this event?

GREG CHALMERS: Oh, I think it's fabulous. I'm representing -- I've just got to make sure I get his name right -- I'm representing Bryce Jones today, in memory of Bryce Jones and so I'm sort of carrying that around with me and it keeps me grounded and motivated and I'm hoping I can do a solid for them and represent him well.