

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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FREDDIE JACOBSON (-6)

Q. Freddie Jacobson, bogey-free 65 today. Is it fair to say scrambling was the key to your round?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Yeah, I think I played pretty solid from tee to green. Gave myself a lot of chances today and had good pace on the putts, made a few. So maybe a couple of times I putted from off the green that worked out well. Yeah, it was a nice, solid round, good opening round.

Q. What is it about this golf course that you like?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Well, having a month off, I like that it's not so many trees and not so much water on it, that it's fairly wide. It's more fairway bunkers you've got to watch out for, a lot of those are in my distance. I think I saw one on my first hole. Got fortunate, had enough room, got it up and got a birdie. Then I think I stayed out of them for the rest of the day. I think that's a little bit of the key because they are in play.

Q. How about poa annua greens?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: They're running really well, the greens are really nice. The ball is rolling well and it's a nice good pace on it. The greens got a little bit of break to them. A lot about figuring out the breaks.

Q. The whole family's here this week. Nice to have Max back on the bag?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Yeah, well, I had Erik on the bag, too. I've got to say that was nice, too. I've got to watch my mouth on that one. Either one is good, but great to have Max back out, yeah.

Q. Rookie on the Champions Tour, how does that sound? Do you like being a rookie?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Oh, yeah, yeah, it sounds better than being the old guy. No, it's been nice. Courses play a little bit more reachable and have a little bit more fun on the par 5s again, you can go for them a little bit more than --

Q. Like seeing your name up there on the top of the leaderboard?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Yeah, you know, it's funny because I'm a little bit surprised. We were over in Sweden, I'm not getting much good practice in so it's been a little uneven. I'm not going to get carried away with this one, I've been in this situation a couple of times



before this season. It's certainly nice to get into a bit of a rhythm. I haven't played for a month, so if you can get off to a decent start, that's nice. It's been a little up and down, but as long as you have some ups in there, you know, get a little momentum going.

Q. So you haven't played in a month and you come out here and get like four birdies in your first six holes. How does that feel?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: That was good. I wasn't doing that Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, I wasn't helping out much on the pro-am teams. They were playing nice, but I was making my two to four birdies, so I'm glad I upped it a little bit today.

Q. Are we still playing the hat game, I see?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Well, we're scrambling together with what we've got.

Q. This is your first time here. Can you talk a little bit about how you enjoy the golf course and the conditions on the golf course?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Yeah, conditions are really nice. Fairways are great, bunkers are playing well, greens are good. Conditions are all around really solid, which I like my first week back for a while that it's fairly open so you've got a little bit of room, not too many trees, not too much of that stuff. I like it.

Q. And you talk about being in Sweden, you haven't had much ability to play golf. How about the weather here in Newport Beach?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Today was beautiful, perfect temperature, short sleeves all day, really, really nice. Yeah, we enjoyed it, all of us out there today.

Q. Any expectations coming into this season?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: To the season?

Q. Yeah, your expectations for the first year on the Champions Tour?

FREDDIE JACOBSON: Yeah, I always try my hardest. Sometimes maybe a little too hard on myself, so I'm trying a little bit more this week to just get back to enjoying it but not try to force it or play to win, or just try to play a shot at a time, get back to basics a little bit and try to calm it down, try to find my rhythm a little bit, that's all.

