

## ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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### SAM RYDER (-4)

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#### **Q. Sam, how would you assess that round today?**

**SAM RYDER:** Really good until the end. Never great finishing with a couple bogeys, but I played really solid. Putter was good, everything was just good. I mean, I felt like I got pretty fortunate because this morning it was raining pretty good, I had a kind of a later tee time a little bit more the morning wave, started to die down.

It was just tough. You're trying to stay dry, so I was really just focused on just keeping the ball in front of me and was able to make some good swings, rolled a couple putts in early, felt really steady, calm. Just kind of got a little loose with the driver on the back and made a couple bogeys. I mean, but happens, so all in all it was a pretty good day.

#### **Q. When you're in conditions like that, you personally, what's your main focus like trying to -- good caddie always helps in keeping the clubs dry, but what's your main focus when you're in kind of these wet conditions and rain?**

**SAM RYDER:** Yeah, my yardage book pretty much stays in my pocket. I'm a guy that usually likes to be involved and write things down and stuff, but usually I'm trying to stay dry, kind of leaning on him for numbers and kind of looking on together and you're kind of just working as a team.

Yeah, honestly just trying to make solid contact really. Just focus on solid strikes because with the driver, it starts getting wet, ball starts to squirt around on the greens, everything just becomes a little harder.

But do the best to embrace it, right, and just kind of cliché but embrace those conditions. And I kind of jokingly tell myself, oh, I love playing in the rain. Like no one really loves it that much. I'm sure there are people that do, but yeah, I think simple things. Yeah, that's about it.

#### **Q. How would you kind of grade your season so far?**

**SAM RYDER:** I think it's been good, not great. It feels like it's on the cusp of being great. I felt really good, I've obviously made all my cuts so far this year. Felt very consistent, in control.

Don't feel like I'm trying to figure out where my game's at every week, I'm more about kind of preparing for golf courses and trying to play. Early in the year I kind of had one or two bad nines or a bad round that kind of shot myself in the foot. The last couple weeks I've been able to build on some pretty good momentum and I feel like it's just right there. It's really



hard to put four good rounds of golf together out here. It's really hard to win and be that consistent.

So I feel like it's been good, not great. That's the long answer. But I feel like it can turn around at any moment and kind of take another step, but it can also go the other direction. So you continue to try and stay focused and do what you're doing, everything that kind of got you there and manage my expectations. I think when you start to play well your expectations start getting high and then everything kind of starts to tense up a little bit. Just trying to stick with kind of my process that I'm doing and it's working so I'll keep at it.

**Q. You kind of mentioned you've made eight of eight cuts this year, that's something that doesn't really happen a lot. It's really hard, as you know, to make a cut. Do you take any pride in that, like when you actually sit back and think about what it takes to be able to play the weekend every single week?**

**SAM RYDER:** Definitely. Just also because for me I haven't been that kind of guy throughout my career. I've kept my card for seven straight seasons, finished Top-125, but I haven't been a guy that's made tons of cuts. I've kind of been more of like a feast or famine of sorts. I've had a lot of top-10s and some good chances to win, but missed cuts at times and went on bad stretches.

But I like kind of my bad golf is still making cuts and my good golf can still hopefully have a high ceiling. I haven't seen that ceiling kind of yet this year I think, but I know if I keep doing what I'm doing it will come out.

