

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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SAM RYDER (-7)



Q. Quick turnaround, what is it, a physical thing or just golf?

SAM RYDER: You know, I could sit here and make excuses, but I just didn't play well. You know, it's definitely my neck, back's kind of bothering me a little bit, but it's just tough with the quick turnaround I think. But I kind of got off to a bad start and just didn't really get in a good rhythm. Yesterday I birdied my first couple holes, today I bogeyed my first hole.

Yeah, I was feeling it a little bit, but was able to kind of grind through it. All in all, if you told me I was going to be in this position going into Saturday, then I would have taken it I think on Thursday. Yeah, it was a grindy day for sure.

Q. Still in the mix, as you say. What does your afternoon look like then if you're dealing with some physical issues? How much will you try to take care of that before Round No. 3?

SAM RYDER: Yeah, I'm not going to hit any balls. I wish I could, honestly I'd like to hit some shots because I hit a couple loose irons today, kind of uncharacteristic shots. But I'm just going to rest, I'm going to get some PT, get some food in my system, relax, maybe get some heat and just try and rest up as much as possible.

Q. Sam, what about the fight today? Obviously days when you don't have your fastball, what's the mentality of making sure that you don't let the round completely get away from you because obviously you're still very in it?

SAM RYDER: Yeah, it's tough. I try to manage my expectations. I was taking to my coach, Adam Schriber, on the range, just like let's just manage expectations today. When you go out and have a round like I did yesterday, it's hard to kind of back that up sometimes, it brings its own challenges.

I kind of just kept my head down, hit a couple loose shots, and it is easy when things don't seem to be going well to let them unravel. I am proud of the way I kind of hung in there and was able to make a couple birdies. Definitely wasn't my A-game today and didn't feel physically 100 percent by any means, but all in all, I got to the house and I'm still in a pretty good position if I can start to kind of feel a little better as the week goes on.

Q. What's the mentality going into the weekend obviously managing what you're managing but still also trying to win on the PGA TOUR?

SAM RYDER: Yeah, I'm definitely trying to win. I mean, that is the goal, right? We all know



this is the last week before Augusta and if I don't win I'll have a week off. Physically I feel like knowing if I have a week off if I don't win this week, then I can kind of push through a little bit more.

But yeah, I mean, I'm just going to focus on getting ready for tomorrow, get my body ready. Ultimately the goal is to try to put myself -- I feel like I put myself in some good spots and I want to just continue to have a good week and try and get in the mix.

