

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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JOEL DAHMEN (-10)



Q. Joel, that was a pretty exciting day.

JOEL DAHMEN: It was.

Q. Just walk us through it a little bit.

JOEL DAHMEN: I felt good. I get good feelings when I come back to this place, good vibes. The wind was probably the least we've played it in a long time and took advantage of it. Just putted really well today. Fairways are generous and I think I hit a bunch of 'em, and obviously got around the hole and made all those.

Q. It is a tournament record --

JOEL DAHMEN: Awesome.

Q. -- so that's another feather in your cap for a King of Corales.

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah.

Q. It's not your low round on Tour, you shot 61 I think at RSM, but you did make 10 birdies today and that's a career best for you. Just when you saw those scores this morning before you started, did that sort of concern you at all or did you sort of take note of that?

JOEL DAHMEN: Certainly take note of it. I've historically struggled teeing off in the afternoon when people go low. I feel like I'm teeing off 8 back of the lead and I've struggled in the past of feeling like I'm playing catch-up already when I haven't even teed off yet. Geno actually joked that Keith has had a bunch of first-round leads recently, a good buddy of mine, and he's like we can get that, we can get that today.

So when I made the one on, I guess when I got to nine, I was like, yeah, I got you, Keith, so that was nice.

Q. You did, you clipped him by one. How's that going to go over tonight when you see him, or tomorrow?

JOEL DAHMEN: Well, it's only one round, there's three more to go, so I think we'll have a discussion after Sunday and see where we're at there.



Q. What was special about it today for you? You said putting was the thing, but did you sort of feel like, get into a zone as they say?

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah, I honestly, like playing Tuesday out here, got to play with Rafa Campos and his caddie, had a great match, had a great time at his home club and that was really fun. We hadn't kind of done that in a while, Geno and I hadn't been out. We had a good match, and I putted really well that day. I like these type of greens, they're a little bit slower than we typically play and I can kind of be more aggressive on the greens and that helps me a lot.

I think just knowing my game's been there. We talked about it a little bit on Tuesday, my game's been pretty good. It's kind of just letting it come to me and showing up on Thursday with the same intensity that I have on the weekend. I think I just did a really good job of that today.

Q. Where was that match, offsite somewhere?

JOEL DAHMEN: It was at Dye No. 4. Teeth of the Dog, over there in that area, and the Dye 4 golf course, which is a really cool golf course, it's a cool area over there.

Q. What do you do this evening now?

JOEL DAHMEN: There's going to be shower, food and sit on the couch and go to bed. I'm getting older now and the turnarounds are a lot quicker for me. Going to get some recovery in, do some stretching, and then I think I have like a 7:30-ish tomorrow so you're waking up at 5:00 a.m. So wake up, have a cup of coffee and try to do it again.

Q. When you were in here yesterday talking to us, you mentioned the Masters and how much motivation it gave you after watching that.

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah.

Q. Did you kind of play off that today?

JOEL DAHMEN: I would say the Masters motivated me to get back on the golf course. I had a sour taste leaving San Antonio with the missed cut there. I needed the week off, I needed the refresher, I needed to get back home and just relax and get my mind right for these four weeks in a row. So far so good. I was very ready to play this week, I would say that. There's sometimes it's harder to wake up and be motivated when you're doing this 25 weeks out of the year, but I was ready to play.

Q. Does it surprise you that the scores were pretty low today?

JOEL DAHMEN: I'm surprised there's many, you know, like I haven't completely checked the leaderboard since I've been out there, but when the winds are down like this, you can



score out here. There's still a bunch of scorable holes. We were surprised where my drives ended up today. This is our ninth or tenth time playing here, so we were shocked at times where our ball -- we had 9-irons in today, 8-irons in where typically I've had 4- and 5-irons in. Like on 18 today I had 120 yards and that's 70, 80 yards closer than I've been in the past. If the winds stay down, yeah, you're going to have to make a lot of birdies.

