

## TULUM CHAMPIONSHIP AT PGA RIVIERA MAYA

### ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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ZACH BAUCHOU (-5)

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**Q. Zach, good playing out there today. You had that bogey on the second hole, then you bounced back with six straight birdies. Take us through that start to your day.**

**ZACH BAUCHOU:** It was an interesting start to my morning. I'm staying at the resort across the street and we had a shuttle scheduled at 4:45. I didn't hear my alarm go off so I didn't wake up until 5:20. The other shuttles don't start until 7:00, so I had no way to get over here. Luckily, I found a ride. I had about 30 minutes by the time I got here, so I was almost missing my tee time.

The start was nice, six birdies in a row is really good out here. Made some nice putts, hit some good iron shots, took advantage of the par 5s. I did a lot of good things.

**Q. How did that affect your warmup kind of this morning, kind of running a little bit behind schedule?**

**ZACH BAUCHOU:** Yeah, normally I try to get here like an hour and a half early, get some food, get stretched out, then hit some balls. I texted my caddie like hey, can you get my shoes from my locker, I'll just meet you on the range, hit some balls and we'll go play.

**Q. Do you think maybe that might be the new strategy now if you keep playing well like this?**

**ZACH BAUCHOU:** No, because I've tried it in the past, but it worked today.

**Q. What do you think about this course and kind of what are the keys to getting around here?**

**ZACH BAUCHOU:** I think it's a good golf course. You don't have to like hit it perfectly. It's a little bit like Karsten Creek where I played at college for Oklahoma State. The way offline shots are going to cost you, but if you just keep it in front of you all day you'll probably do pretty well.

**Q. Is it pretty narrow off the tees here?**

**ZACH BAUCHOU:** There is some room but any foul balls is going to be a penalty shot, but if you just hit decent shots you'll be fine.

**Q. I guess too with there's some wind out here but there's also kind of the trees blocking you, I guess how does that kind of play when you're picking your shots?**

**ZACH BAUCHOU:** That is the tricky part, the trees are so thick so you don't feel any wind when you're sitting down there but you've got to know that OK, when you hit the shot and the ball gets above the trees it's going to hit it pretty hard. So that's a bit of a challenge trusting that, but I worked on it a little bit in the practice days and am comfortable with those shots.

**Q. And what are the greens like here this week, are they a bit firmer or --**

**ZACH BAUCHOU:** I would say they're pretty standard for how the courses are down here. They're a 10 or 11, they're a nice speed to make putts at and they roll pretty true.

**Q. And how have you been enjoying your time down here? I know we're kind of at a three-week stretch here of golf. Is it kind of nice coming down to Mexico?**

**ZACH BAUCHOU:** Yeah, I like it down here. The weather's been great, it's sunny every day, which is nice. I missed the cut last week so I got to spend the weekend at home with my family and get a little recharge.

**Q. How do you think tomorrow will be different playing in the afternoon? Do you expect the wind to kind of pick up around here?**

**ZACH BAUCHOU:** So it has been kind of windy in the mornings. I talked to a couple other players about that, but I'm sure at 12:00 it will be 15, 20 all day, which is a nice challenge out here. You've got to hit good shots, but you can still post a number if you play well.