## DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**
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## JASON CARON ( -6)

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**Q. Jason, 6 under today, just assess your round and playing with Jerry and both of you having Derek as your caddie.**

**JASON CARON:** Yeah, no, it was a great round. Coming out here, I kind of got here on Wednesday because I had the pro-am on Thursday afternoon. I brought my daughter, Caroline, with me so kind of a low key week.

Wasn't sure if I was prepared enough like I normally am, but I played really well today. Just tried to stay within myself and not get too far out in front because your mind can wander a little bit, especially out here.

But playing with Jerry's easy, and Stephen, to be honest. I played with Stephen a bunch I would say the last six weeks, so it was a comfortable pairing. Jerry played really, really well.

And then obviously with Derek, we're super excited for him to get this opportunity. For Dick's to do that for Derek is pretty awesome. It doesn't happen hardly ever, especially when it comes to having a caddie that caddies full time playing an event. So hats off to Dick's for doing that, and to John, the tournament director. I hope Derek enjoys himself this week.

**Q. You mentioned your daughter, Caroline, being here. She's done quite a bit with the social media world over the last 48 hours. What's it like seeing her have an opportunity to get involved in a little bit of the golf world just as much as you've been?**

**JASON CARON:** Well, I've got to thank Julie for that, she's the one who really said, hey, I've got her. I said, OK. And she's been running around, but that's her personality, too. She's very outgoing, she likes the limelight a little bit as you can tell. And then for her, for Dick's again for letting her get in there and having some fun, it's been great. Last night she fell out very fast, she was asleep quick. But she's a good kid and I'm happy that she's here.

**Q. What was it like having an opportunity to see Jerry make some great putts, have some opportunities to really go on a run, and then also for you to really be able to do it in tandem?**

**JASON CARON:** Yeah, I mean, listen, he played great. That front nine he shot, what, 4 under. Really, it could have been 6 probably. Then he continued on the back.

I took advantage of the par 5s, I hit a couple of close shots, which was nice. I hit a couple more good shots on this nine, incoming nine, but didn't make the putts. Very pleased with the way I played as well, so we'll see what happens tomorrow.

**Q. What was your approach today and how might that change going forward?**

**JASON CARON:** You know, hitting the fairways out here is important. I feel like the last three weeks that we've played it was very important to get the ball in play, and today I kept it in play for the most part, hit some good quality iron shots most of the day and I made a couple of putts that I should make. But it was nice to end with a 6 under par score with no bogeys, that's huge.

**Q. What's your favorite part about the Champions Tour?**

**JASON CARON:** My favorite part of the Champions Tour is probably the camaraderie with the players. It's very family oriented out here now compared back to when I played the Tour, it seemed like it was very competitive if you will, right? And today's world is a lot more laid back, which I love. That's more my personality.