

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
**September 5, 2025**



**ARJUN ATWAL (-5)**

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**Q. Arjun, in with 5-under 66, just talk about that round. You got away to a really good start, couple of bogeys at the end.**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** Yeah, no, I'll take it because I really haven't played much this year so I didn't know what to expect. Having played the Monday qualifier helped a lot because you never really play those qualifiers on the championship golf course and then that was like a serious practice round having to get through that. Kind of learned a little bit about it, so I'm happy with the 5 under.

**Q. Sixty-five in that qualifier, anything special happen during that round for you?**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** Nothing really. I just didn't make any mistakes and I putted decent. Putter's starting to feel good so I'm looking forward to playing again.

**Q. Eagle at No. 3 today, talk us through that.**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** Just a stock little 9-iron I hit from 142. Was right at it, never left the flag. My eyesight's not that good and Harry saw it go in, so it was a pretty cool shot.

**Q. Your season this year, played a couple of majors, made the cut. What's that been like for you sort of jumping around but only playing a couple of events?**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** It's not been bad because my -- spent some time at home for the first time in my pro life. Usually about this time in my pro year I've played about 18 or 20 events, so it's not been bad looking at it that way. But now I'd like to play a few more and at least try and get a run for the playoffs. We'll see.

**Q. Don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves, but you did win a tournament on the PGA TOUR as a Monday qualifier, not sure if that's -- guys have done that on both tours. What would that mean to you to get to that point?**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** We'll see. I'm not even thinking about that right now, but it would be pretty cool I guess especially the only person to have done it from my country with a population of 1.4 billion people feels special, so we'll see how it goes.

**Q. Everybody carries 14 clubs in their bag. How much clubs do you need to play this golf course?**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** Fourteen.

**Q. It does demand --**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** You need them all, all, yeah, yeah. It's a great golf course.

**Q. And how typical do you think that is on the Champions Tour?**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** It's a good question. I think there's a few really good golf courses where you need them all. There's a few that guys, when they shoot lights out, it's a lot of wedges and putter. Those are important clubs, but a golf course like this you get a lot of options. You can hit a bunch of clubs off the tees and then it depends on how far you lay it back and play it from there. There's a lot of options here.

**Q. Arjun, from a player's perspective how hard is it to get on this tour?**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** Very hard. Because I've played all over the world, I've played the Asian Tour, the European Tour, everywhere, and this has been by far the hardest tour to get your full card on. I played sparingly on this tour and I love playing it, but it's really, really difficult to get on.

**Q. Why did you come here for qualifying?**

**ARJUN ATWAL:** Because I had nothing else going on and my wife kicked me out of the house.