

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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JAY HAAS (-6)

Q. All right, Jay, 66 to open, birdied five of your first six holes. Can you just talk us through that strong start?

JAY HAAS: Yeah, that was pretty unexpected. You have the potential to go low early on at this golf course, but I just hit a lot of good shots, drove the ball really well all day. Had good opportunities early on, managed to make the most of those. Played solid most of the day, so very pleased with the score, yeah.

Q. You turned 72 last month. Do you know how many times now you've shot your age or better?

JAY HAAS: I don't. I just know that at 72 I better continue to do it or else I'm going to be lapping up the rear end. It's nice to have done that, but -- and by a few extra strokes today, but like I said, these guys are so good out here, if you don't shoot something in the 60s, you're going to be fading to the rear.

Q. This is your 39th time doing it on the Champions Tour.

JAY HAAS: Is that right?

Q. How does that sound for you?

JAY HAAS: That sounds pretty good, I like that.

Q. Jay, what have you been working on in the offseason?

JAY HAAS: Not a lot. I got a new driver. It's not a new one, just new for me. It's a couple generations ago. Really drove the ball well here since I've been here. That kind of sets this golf course up. It's not a tight golf course, but it pays to hit good shots. And I may be a hair longer than I was with my other driver.

You know, I'm always working, I'm always thinking. Probably had a thousand different swing thoughts over the last 45 years. Driving the ball well and feeling like I'm going to hit a good one off the tee is kind of setting up the rest of my game.

Q. Are we going to see you much this year?

JAY HAAS: You know, I'd like to play 12, 14 events. Only played 11 last year, I missed a couple because of my elbow. But if I feel good and if I play well, yeah. I love to compete still

and love to be out with the guys. This window's closing, I know that, but when I play rounds like today, it makes me want to keep on doing it.