

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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JORDAN SPIETH (-10)

Q. We'll just start off, you also met a very special guest, Dylan. What was that like to have him inside the ropes for 18 holes?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, it was great. He was with his mom. His story I became familiar with heading into this week, but he's come out a number of times in the past to watch me play. He actually won a tournament after starting chemo, won his club championship, junior club championship, which I don't think -- there's a lot of flexes in the world of golf. I'm not sure if there's one that beats that, than winning right after you start chemo.

But yeah, they came from Bluffton, South Carolina, and he said he's had an amazing trip, he said best trip ever, so that's what it's all about.

Q. Put yourself in a great spot. Still five, six back, but the way scoring is, has it been surprising what we've seen in the first few days?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I thought -- I haven't really looked that closely at the leaderboard, but I thought that yesterday was a good day to be out here. Got decently challenging towards the end here today, but the greens are so receptive and they're not super fast out here right now just from I think the weather that we got on Tuesday and Wednesday. So whether it's soft -- whenever greens are soft, scoring is low. It's just the way it is. And when they're firm, scoring goes up.

So I don't expect it to stay that way with what's forecasted and being a south wind. Some of these easier holes that are on the front nine become challenging.

So you're going to really have to control the ball well, keep it under the hole and have good speed control. So stuff that -- Pebble's going to show more of its teeth the next two days and I still probably imagine the winning score to be right around 20.

Q. What are some of those holes that you could see with that wind like flipping strategy or just drastically different from what we're seeing?

JORDAN SPIETH: Well, I mean, instead of driving it up right next to it on 4, that will be into. And then 6 is going to be a monster, driver, 3-wood just up the hill. And 7's going to change dramatically from a little sand wedge to who knows what guys might have to hit over the next two days there. 5, it always is a pivotal par-3 when the pins are going in the back of the green but now it's going to be kind of right in your face off the right.

Yeah, it's really the whole front nine, right? Like 9, guys were driving it down to the bottom.

Now you're gonna have to hit 2- or 3-irons into 9, 10 instead of wedges. The wind makes such a difference here.

Obviously then you turn the other way and you get the downwind holes. When it's windy, that doesn't necessarily make it easier when it's down. If you can control your distances both directions, you should still get enough chances with receptive greens.

Q. How did you play 6 today compared to previous years?

JORDAN SPIETH: Not much different, I just heeled my 3-wood. The first shots I had way too far in and then I hit a great 3-wood on the second shot and it was in the back of the green and I two-putted.

Typically now if there's any help wind it pinches in right at 300 adjusted. If there's some help, driver ends up significantly narrower and you can reach it anyway hitting 3-wood off the tee. It's not really a huge difference hitting 5-iron versus 3-iron in.

Q. Would it be an idea to maybe put a driver in your hand? Not yours specific, but --

JORDAN SPIETH: With the new tee?

Q. Yeah.

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, and I think honestly today would have been a day you could have hit it. I think you'll see big differences the next two days.

Q. (Inaudible)

JORDAN SPIETH: No, but he kills it. No, he mashed a 3-wood. He hit 3-wood where my drive would have gone.