

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
**February 19, 2026**

**RYAN FOX (-4)**



---

**Q. Ryan, nice playing. (No microphone.)**

**RYAN FOX:** Yeah, it got pretty cold out there quickly later on, obviously that breeze was up. Yeah, very happy. I played really nicely for the most part. Kind of hung in there pretty nicely on the back nine. Some of those holes into the wind were pretty brutal. Yeah, very happy with the score.

**Q. What's your first expectation when you arrived here of the golf course?**

**RYAN FOX:** From what I remember on TV, it's always been firm and fast and like a really strong test of golf. It's obviously still a really strong test of golf, but I don't think any golf course can be firm and fast after what we had the first three days this week.

So yeah, golf course is in amazing condition. You've got to hit shots around here, you've got to have really good control of your ball, and thankfully I did that pretty well for the most part today.

**Q. Made six birdies today. Which one of those stood out to you the best?**

**RYAN FOX:** Probably the one on 2 actually. I hit a good drive down there and then the horn blew, came back and had a decent 6-iron in into the wind there. Hit it to about 15-foot and made that. It was kind of just, I birdied the first, which was kind of a nice start to the round. It kind of felt like starting again on 2 again and made a nice birdie there. Just got things off to some nice feels in there and was pretty happy with the rest of the day.

**Q. Couple of top-25s to start the season. Coming here with a little bit of confidence, steady start?**

**RYAN FOX:** Yeah, it's been really close this year so far. In Phoenix I got off to bad starts every day and then fought it back and ended up with a pretty nice week.

And Pebble was a pretty poor first round and the rest of the week was really solid.

So it's nice to get off on the right foot here this week. I feel like, as I said, I've got pretty good control over the ball at the moment and put a couple of good scores together and we'll see what happens for the rest of the week. But yeah, feeling pretty good about things at the moment.

**Q. Does this course remind you of anywhere Down Under with the kikuyu and the**



**eucalyptus?**

**RYAN FOX:** Yeah, definitely. It's got a little bit of both New Zealand and Australia. Obviously the eucalyptus is Australia, but we've got a few at home, too. And kikuyu's a pretty common grass especially where I'm from in Auckland. Yeah, definitely some feels of home.

**Q. How did you spend the time during that delay of almost two hours?**

**RYAN FOX:** I just sat in the locker room and talked a bit of crap basically. Nothing too interesting.

