

BO VAN PELT (-9)

Q. We have Bo Van Pelt here. Bo, this is your first appearance at the Cologuard Classic and you shot a 9-under 62. How were you feeling out there today?

BO VAN PELT: Yeah, obviously it was a good day. I like the golf course. I actually played here when I was 17, kind of have a special place. This is where I committed to Oklahoma State was at this tournament, at the Rolex. So it was 37 years ago. I was excited to come back.

Yeah, obviously game felt pretty good. Had a (inaudible) coach in Charlotte, we had a good couple days. Yeah, it was a good day.

Q. And talk me through the conditions today. I know you started a little bit earlier than the other groups, but how has the heat been?

BO VAN PELT: Yeah, started at about 9:40. The first nine was a little cooler than it is now. Fairways were a little softer. Ball wasn't going quite as far as they have been so kind of made a little adjustment there. No, the golf course is in great shape. The agronomy staff's done a great job with as much heat as they had. Greens are at good speed where you can be aggressive, but the ball's rolling good. Yeah, it's a really good golf course.

Q. How did the heat affect you, if at all?

BO VAN PELT: I've lived in Oklahoma for, I don't know, 35 years. Played pretty good in Malaysia a couple times. If you made me pick, I'd take the hot over the cold. Like I think just being in Oklahoma that long, especially now you get older, I don't love playing in the cold anymore. The heat, that's fine with me.

Q. Can you elaborate on the story of you committing to Oklahoma State in Tucson?

BO VAN PELT: Yeah, no, it's a crazy story. Obviously with Cologuard, my mom's a cancer survivor. This is the only tournament she ever brought me to by herself. Coach Holder got to see me play, she was here. Yeah, I played pretty good. You know, I was all set to go to Indiana, that was where I was going to go. I had taken a visit to Oklahoma State, but I was way down their list of guys they wanted. Luckily for me, a bunch of guys they wanted in front of me decided to go to other colleges so all of a sudden I was a little more attractive. I had a good couple days here in front of Coach Holder. Yeah, ended up going to Oklahoma State, changed my life.

Q. Was the event at La Paloma?

BO VAN PELT: Yeah, it was at La Paloma. Yeah, it was here.

Q. You played in the Cologuard Classic before, right?

BO VAN PELT: No, no. I turned 50 last May, so I missed these first couple events that were in the spring.

Q. Does it feel like a full circle moment for you in some ways?

BO VAN PELT: Yeah, it was funny. I didn't even realize we were playing here. I mean, dumb on me, I thought we were still playing Tucson National. About a week ago they said, oh, no, we're playing La Paloma. I was like, I think I've been there before. I realized this was the place. So yeah, had some good memories to come back to. Yeah, so far, so good.

Q. What's your mindset going into the next couple rounds?

BO VAN PELT: You know, I'm just trying to play the best I can play. I kind of, I try to hold myself to a certain standard when I'm out there playing. Got off to kind of a slow start, didn't birdie No. 2, a pretty short par-5, but it was like I try not to pay attention to where I'm at on the golf course, whether you're under par, over par. It's like I've got a game plan that I'm trying to play with, and whatever time I play tomorrow, I'm going to try to do the same thing.