

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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JOHN ROLLINS (-8)



Q. John, 8-under 64 to start, hit all 18 greens in regulation. Tell us about your round today.

JOHN ROLLINS: Yeah, I played nice. I drove the ball really well, which is key on this golf course. Narrow fairways, you can get out of position pretty quick. I was able to keep the ball in play and just from there set up a lot of good opportunities into the greens.

And the iron game was I would say fairly sharp. As you mentioned, 18 greens, I don't know the last time I've done that. Everything just felt good. I was in a good rhythm, great group, great pairing today, all three of us good friends so that always kind of helps the day. Very pleased with what happened.

Q. Can you walk us through the eagle on 14?

JOHN ROLLINS: Yeah, drove it on the green. They had the tees up a little bit so I think it was about 286 to the front edge today playing 315 maybe to the hole. But I just, I was fortunate, I hit a good tee shot on a good line and managed to chase it all the way back just under hole high on the left side of the green. I probably had about a 30-, 33-footer or so and just perfect right in the middle of the hole, so that was a big bonus.

Q. John, can you talk about your year? Can I say that maybe (inaudible) and this week I see you're out here having fun. Change or no?

JOHN ROLLINS: Well, I don't think it's really a change. I mean, it was fun with Hunter, a good friend of mine at home the last couple before I came here, we had some fun with that. He's really made an impact on the social media world and I was just kind of riding the coattails honestly that day.

I think I'm still serious. This is something that I've looked forward to for many years, getting out here on the Champions Tour and competing and having chances. I really haven't put myself in many opportunities or many chances. I've played well, just I just haven't gotten much out of the weeks that I played well. Still got a long ways to go, but yeah, I think it's just one of those days where just the putts were rolling in. I felt very comfortable, drove the ball well, hit the irons well, just gave myself a lot of opportunities.

Q. At what point in the round did you kind of know that you had it going today?

JOHN ROLLINS: I think after -- I mean, I would say probably the eagle at 14 was kind of the tone setter there. I was 4 under at the time and then you leapfrog to 6. Then I had a

great opportunity at 15, only about nine feet under the hole, missed that one. So I missed a couple good opportunities as well, but obviously I made some good putts out there today as well. But after 14 you kind of thought, all right, we've got pretty good momentum going on our side.

Q. What were I guess some of your biggest takeaways from the round today that you can kind of carry over into the rest of the weekend?

JOHN ROLLINS: I think just the way I drove the golf ball around here, that's going to be key. This isn't a golf course that you can hit foul balls and expect to get the ball close to the hole or give yourself opportunities. You've got to be in the fairway or at least first cut or just off the edges on the right angles. If you don't drive it well, you're going to struggle around this golf course, and I did that today so hopefully if I can do that the next two days, we'll see what kind of chances I can get.