

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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RYAN ARMOUR (-5)



Q. Ryan, solid opening round 5-under 67 here at Pebble. Can you take us through some of the highlights of the round and what was working for you today?

RYAN ARMOUR: I missed a short one to start the day on 10, three-putted from about 20 feet. Then I hoop a 9-iron on 11. So you can't have more down in the dumps to, oh, right, let's go, we're on the rollercoaster already. But then I got it going. I made kind of a sloppy bogey on 14, birdie 17, birdie 18, birdie 1, and then I made a good putt on 4, two-putt 6 and then just kind of held on there on 7, 8 and 9.

Q. How is the 16th hole playing differently now without that tree down the right side?

RYAN ARMOUR: We were thinking about taking driver out and just sending it, but we did that in the practice round and you could get some iffy lies off a downslope in the rough if you don't happen to catch the rough, so we just played it the way we always did in AT&T.

Q. Do you feel like it meaningfully changes the hole in any significant way or not really?

RYAN ARMOUR: I think the long guys can really take it on if they want. I don't know how much of an advantage it is because you'll be on a downslope and if you don't hit the fairway, downslopes out of the rough aren't usually the easiest things to control. I don't think they need to put it back, no.

Q. And then on the 18th, obviously they added in a tree there.

RYAN ARMOUR: Oh, yeah, I was right behind it.

Q. How does that change the way the hole played?

RYAN ARMOUR: Well, I hit 7 -- it was playing into the wind today and I couldn't get to either of the trees, but I hit it right in the middle of the fairway right behind it and I had to go 7-iron, 7-iron because I couldn't go under it. The branches are a lot lower than they used to be. You used to be able to just carve stuff pretty low underneath them. They're hanging pretty low.

Q. As you look ahead to the U.S. Open next year, how do you think, for the really long hitters currently on Tour, like how those two holes might play a little bit differently, if you have a sense of that?



RYAN ARMOUR: I think the way the USGA will grow the rough in June for that, I think it will still be a layup off 16. And then 18, they're going to be aggressive, as aggressive as they can. It's a par 5, they want to knock it on the green and have a chance to make 3.

Q. And then how is your experience with your First Tee --

RYAN ARMOUR: Chloe was great. Chloe Chow from Sacramento, she was great. She had one hiccup on 18, she got a couple balls stuck in the tree actually. Other than that, she played fantastic. What a delight to be around. Very, very classy young lady.

Q. What is the advice that you think you should be being asked this week? Sorry, it's a weird question, but what is the advice that you would be asking someone in your shoes if you were playing as a junior?

RYAN ARMOUR: I mean, are we talking golf or life or any of it?

Q. Yeah, any of it.

RYAN ARMOUR: These kids are really talented. I would use golf to get my education and then see where golf or the education takes you. They're talented, they should play in college somewhere and then see what happens after you get your degree.

Q. Your game's been well the last three weeks, you've been trending very well. What's the change, can you explain?

RYAN ARMOUR: More reps. I'm getting back in the swing of it. When I was 48 and 9 I didn't play much, so I'm playing more now. Have a real good grasp of what my teacher wants me to work on, so that's all we're working on. I'm just trying to get my short game better at all times.

Q. What are you working on?

RYAN ARMOUR: I have a tendency to get kind of falling back so we just constantly work on exploding forward in every shot, make sure our chest is facing the target when we finish, not hanging back.

Q. Are you watching where you're at with the Schwab Cup and what you've got to do?

RYAN ARMOUR: Yeah, everyone lets me know, especially my kids. I mean, they're all in, they love this. I've got one playing golf and basketball, I've got another one playing hockey. They're like, Dad, you've got to step it up a little bit.

Q. Well, you did today. How's that experience changed now? I'm sure your kids were a lot younger during the peak of your playing days, but how is that different for you?



RYAN ARMOUR: They can give grief with the best of them. Like hey, Dad, what was that, what do you mean, or what kind of shot was that? So they can give it to you pretty good. But when you play well, it's really good to see the smile on their face, they're genuinely happy.

