

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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TIM O'NEAL (-5)



Q. Tim, great round out there today, six birdies. Take us through what was working for you.

TIM O'NEAL: Well, on this course, I mean, today it was tricky with the wind. It's very important to stay below the hole if you can. So overall I did that pretty good today, staying below the hole. If you get above the holes, you're on defense and it's hard to make putts.

Q. How much did the wind affect because you hadn't seen it the first two days out here? Is it more the driving or is it the approach, because those fairways are not holding anyway.

TIM O'NEAL: It's a little bit of both. You have to be in the fairway. You want to be in the fairway so you can control your ball at least to stay below the hole because if you're in the rough, then you're at the mercy of it spinning, not spinning, getting above the hole and having tough putts. So today I was in the fairway for the most part and I was able to stay below the hole and give myself a lot of good looks today.

Q. Were you able to play the same clubs you played yesterday as approaches and stuff like that off the tee or did you do anything different because of the wind?

TIM O'NEAL: Yes, pretty much the same as yesterday. Maybe a few holes a little bit different. Some tees were moved on the par 3s, but other than that, it was pretty much the same clubs today.

Q. With 5 under, where do you think that fits at this golf course in the first round?

TIM O'NEAL: I think 5 under's really good, yeah. I was at 6, had a ball spin off a green, which it happens out here. But other than that, I'll take 5 under. If you would have told me I'd have shot that today, I would have been very happy.

Q. Crowds out there, Tim, what we're seeing around this clubhouse, the fans seem like they've really come out to support. How did it look on the golf course and how does that make you feel when you're playing? Do you pay attention to that?

TIM O'NEAL: Yeah. I mean, Friday and it's almost like a Saturday, Sunday out here. People came out to support so that's always good. I'm sure there will be more people tomorrow.

