ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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CHANDLER BLANCHET (-9)

BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP

Q. Chandler, our first-round leader after a 9-under par 62. What a start. If we can get some comments on your round.

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, really solid day today. Hit it awesome, made some good putts. I kind of had everything going. Really took advantage of the par 5s so that made a big difference.

Q. Talk to us about that last putt. I know it was close to going in.

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, burned the right edge. It was just outside right. I hit a good putt, that would have been nice, but all good, a lot of holes left.

Q. Two eagles today, 7 and 17. If you can take us through both of those.

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah. No. 7, I guess that was my last eagle. I hit a great drive. The wind was kind of calming down so it was pretty favorable. Hit like a smooth 5-iron there to like five feet, pretty straight putt. That was sweet.

And then hole 17, hit a great drive down there, probably had like I think it was 179 and kind of hit a little long right on the green and probably mid 50-foot putt and yeah, just dripped in on the last revolution so that was a sweet one.

Q. Speaking of the wind, just comment about the wind. It was fairway favorable all day, wasn't it?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, it picked up kind of like on and off. We got a little rain on the back nine and it was probably a 30-minute stretch where it was kind of humming, but for the most part it was pretty favorable. I don't know, maybe 5, 10 mile an hour, which I think out here is nothing.

Q. Missed the cut here in 2022. What did you learn from that that you applied here four years later?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, that was my first PGA Tour event ever so it was great memories coming back here. Was really excited to play. Played well the first round back in '22.

The course suits me really well. I seem to love international golf or island golf. Hit just a little low fade out there, and you've got a fair amount of wedges out here too, which is one of the

strong suits of my game.

Q. Your rookie season, 26th start of the season. It's been a busy one. Just talk to us a little bit about what the year has been like for you.

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, it's been awesome. I'm super fortunate, I had a second place finish in Puerto Rico, which got me into some of the big elevated events and PGA Championship. So I ended up playing a lot of golf, didn't feel like I could skip one of those. It was great, it's been a great learning experience. There's a lot of new courses, so I feel like my Monday through Wednesday has looked a little different this year than it did the past few years on Korn Ferry, but feel like I'm getting pretty comfortable with my routines and figuring it out out here.

Q. And you led after the first round there, too. What did you learn from that experience?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Sorry?

Q. In Puerto Rico you led after --

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Oh, yeah. Yeah, I'll be able to look back on that, similar feelings, kind of similar golf. It was really windy that week too. Just keep doing the same thing.

Q. 114 in the FedExCup Fall so well out of it, but yet currently projected top-60. Is that something that you're thinking of just in terms of the 51 through 60 or just more along the lines of getting in the top-100?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: For sure. I kind of try to put the points and even the leaderboard kind of to the side and not look at it. I feel like that's kind of a distraction, to be honest.

But yeah, I mean, we've got five events so I'm super excited to play and move up. Game feels good, so keep on doing it.

Q. Obviously a great start. How are you enjoying Bermuda this week off the golf course?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, it's beautiful. I haven't done too much exploring. We're staying downtown in the host hotel, which has been great. But it's a beautiful island. It's cool to just kind of look out the window on the drive over here and take it all in.