## ROUND 1 INTERVIEW October 28, 2021

## **DAMIAN PALANYANDI (+5)**



Q. First PGA TOUR start, first round in, tell me how it went.

**DAMIAN PALANYANDI:** Oh, it was awesome. It was everything I expected it to be. Surprising I wasn't really that nervous. I think having so many fans out to support the locals definitely made everyone feel better. It was challenging today, a lot of wind, but kept it in play, just kept going.

Q. Talk about those conditions. You're probably a little bit more used to it than some of the other people on Tour. What did the course pose today?

**DAMIAN PALANYANDI:** It was crazy. On 13 one of the guys hit 3-wood and he was still 20 yards short. It was like 200 yards, 180 downwind, downhill, so just shows how much wind there was. The back nine is wide open and it's just flying across.

Q. And what did it mean to have kind of a local contingent following around?

**DAMIAN PALANYANDI:** Oh, it was awesome. It was awesome having my girlfriend, my father, having a couple friends following, so it was good support.

Q. Does it add any sense of pressure?

**DAMIAN PALANYANDI:** No, not at all, not at all.

Q. Talk about the ninth hole. You got your birdie and a bit of a big celebration for you.

**DAMIAN PALANYANDI:** Yeah, yeah, I got one, I got one. It was good, yeah. I had about 80 yards in, I just flew a lob wedge the whole way. It was downwind, got a good bounce, tapped it in. It was pretty easy.

Q. Knowing you were coming out with all these people watching, was it like a relief that you finally got one in front of everyone?

**DAMIAN PALANYANDI:** Yeah, it's even better, cherry on the cake really. My company was there, they were looking over, my dad was there. It was a good feeling.

Q. The fact that you completed this first round, what are you looking forward to tomorrow?

**DAMIAN PALANYANDI:** Just going out there, doing the same thing. Just going to try my

best to keep the ball in play, keep it low and try to make some putts.