ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES November 14, 2024

PATRICK RODGERS (-5)



Q. Patrick, that was a ho hum start, 10 pars, and then you just lit it up on the inward nine. Just a few comments about today's round with birdies on four of the last five?

PATRICK RODGERS: With today's wind, starting on the back there's a pretty tricky stretch, 13 through 4. We were playing a lot of the tougher holes into the wind, some of the longer shots of the day and I knew that would be a pretty tricky stretch so I was just trying to hang in there. I knew there was some birdies to be made on my last few holes.

I was pretty scrappy, I didn't hit very many great shots through that stretch, but managed to make some pars and scrap in a birdie there on No. 2. Yeah, nice to put some good swings together there coming in and make a few birdies.

Q. Coming into the week, you did so on the heels of back-to-back top-5 finishes here. I don't know if confidence is the right word, but how good did you feel coming in based on those past finishes?

PATRICK RODGERS: I didn't play here last year, my daughter was born around this time, so it's been a couple of years, but I have great feelings here, great memories here. I feel like the golf course suits my game. I like that the conditions are tough usually, so obviously what I'm feeling more is my recent play. But yeah, definitely, I just enjoy being here in general. I think it's an amazing island, I always have a great time and it's fun to string together some good golf while we're here.

Q. And speaking of recent finishes, four top-10s this year, what's been going right for you and what are you feeling best about?

PATRICK RODGERS: Yeah, it's been a consistent year, especially towards the end, almost a little bit to my detriment, to be honest. I haven't had the kind of chances to win or the high finishes that I need to kind of propel my season forward and I kind of got passed and just clipped for the top-50 by finishing 20th to 30th every week, which it only gets you so far. So I'm proud of the consistency, but I want to build on having more chances to win next year and I'm trying to give myself as many opportunities to play in the biggest events, so that's why I'm here.

