

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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ADAM HADWIN (-6)



Q. Adam, 6 under, fantastic round under the conditions. Can you kind of assess your round, talk us through what was working for you?

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah. I hit a lot of really good quality iron shots today, I gave myself a lot of chances. Made some, scrambled a little bit when I needed to, never really got into too much trouble. A couple bad shots on the back that I wouldn't mind back. You know, to birdie 8 and 13 with a 3-iron and then stick a nice 5-iron after bogeying 15; sticking a nice 5-iron on 16 after making bogey on 15 was a nice bounce back and kind of settled things down a little bit.

Q. What was the club choice there on 16?

ADAM HADWIN: 5-iron. It was really perfect club that it was never going to go long, it was just a matter of how flighted I could keep it to get it back there.

Q. Saw your Tweet yesterday about that.

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah.

Q. How different is it -- I think yesterday it was like 235?

ADAM HADWIN: We had like 235 in the pro-am and I was swinging a 3-wood, so I'm appreciative of the rules officials moving that up for us and hitting 5-iron today.

Q. You talked earlier in the week a little bit about kind of playing free, like you know the position that you're in. Does it kind of -- is it a relief? Does it free you up or are you kind of pushing or chasing it?

ADAM HADWIN: I was pretty free for about 13 or 14 holes today and then I felt some nerves that I hadn't felt most of the year from being in a position that I have not been this year. It's nice to feel that again. It's nice to make some really good swings while feeling that.

Like I said, I could probably clean a couple things up, but I have felt like the golf swing and some of the golf shots have been really good as of late. I thought Utah I did some really good things, I just putted terribly, and even last week in Mexico I thought I did some good things. Obviously it was a birdie-fest and I didn't make enough putts, but yeah, kind of came together today.

Q. Recently were there any like swing changes or any equipment changes that you



had that have kind of been helping this late in the season?

ADAM HADWIN: No, nothing changing. I made swing changes about a year ago now and it just took way longer to be comfortable with where things were at. I still wouldn't have predicted what I did today, if I'm being honest with you, between the practice rounds and in all fairness even my warmup today. Golf's a funny game and I think every one of us knows that we can win every week if we just kind of put it together. So that's the goal this week.

Q. You're in a slightly different position than Rafa Campos was last year, but seeing the way that he came from -- you've been a Tour winner, he wasn't, but you're both kind of in that --

ADAM HADWIN: Out of it.

Q. Yeah.

ADAM HADWIN: Call it what it is.

Q. Does that give you any kind of inspiration? Have you thought about that this week?

ADAM HADWIN: No. I know it was a great story when he won having just had a kid as well and coming in late and all that. It's amazing what life circumstances can do when kind of taking your mind off playing golf sometimes.

Yeah, it hasn't been a good year. I'm on the outside looking in. I'm looking at all the Canadians playing well and making Signature Events and all that. So I do feel a little bit of freedom in that I've really got nothing to lose this week. I've got to basically win or top 2 this week or next. But also, I've still got to hit golf shots, I've still got to get the ball in the hole.

Q. How do you kind of manage that mentally given like in 10 years on Tour you've made the FedExCup Playoffs every season and now you're in a position that you're not used to that? How do you get comfortable dealing with that?

ADAM HADWIN: Acceptance. A bit of the shock to the ego, not gonna lie, and I think that probably -- it might have hindered me a little bit through the season as I continued to struggle a little bit.

I reached a point, though probably too late, probably July, August where I kind of accepted where I was at, just needed to battle through.

I do truly believe that I've got my best golf is still to come, I've got a lot more in me and then I'll be a better player once I get through this. It was just a matter of when I got through this and today's a good start.



Q. Having your back to the wall a little bit, have you ever felt anything similar, maybe not in golf even but just in life where you've had that challenge of having to dig yourself out of a situation?

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah. I mean, it's so hard to kind of separate the two, I guess, a little personal versus professional. I mean, personally it's hard to think that I've struggled at all. Dealing with some infertility stuff with my wife, that was difficult but it wasn't -- I was more of a supporting role in that, I wasn't dealing with it personally I feel like, or a lot less than she was.

Listen, I've had a few years where it's come down the last two, three events to maintain status and get in the Playoffs and I've been able to pull through. I haven't been this far back, but yeah, it's different. It is what it is. I've got to go play good golf, I've got to play three more good rounds, see where I net out this week and then we'll go try again at RSM next week.

Q. Last one. Is it fair to say that you're kind of -- I know it's uncomfortable, but are you enjoying the challenge in a way?

ADAM HADWIN: In a sick, sadistic way, sure. I think playing in conditions like these can be -- are so challenging in itself and you have to sort of dive in and focus into every single golf shot that it kind of takes away from thinking about the bigger picture in a sense because in winds like that, if you're off just a little, every miss is magnified and that much harder.

Yeah, was fun. Like I said, given the way that I hit it coming into today, I'm very ecstatic with the way things played out.

