

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
June 4, 2021



ROD PAMPLING (-5)

Q. What was working for you so well today?

ROD PAMPLING: I drove the ball really well, which left me in a lot of really good spots. Then obviously made a couple nice putts, which I haven't been doing lately, so it was nice to see a few of them go in.

Q. What's your perspective on this course and the layout of it? What did you think of it today?

ROD PAMPLING: Well, obviously I like it so far. No, I enjoy golf courses with undulating fairways, and I think you've got to play golf, hit certain shots in certain positions to get access to the pins. I enjoy it. Obviously it was nice to me today, so hopefully it will keep going for the next few days.

Q. How do you keep it rolling into Round 2 tomorrow?

ROD PAMPLING: Oh, just the same. We were off early today, so we're a little bit later, so I'm guessing it will be a little bit firmer and a bit windier. But again, it's the same game plan, just keep it in spots where you can get it close to the pins.

Q. Think you'll still be leading by the end of the day? Think your score's going to hold up?

ROD PAMPLING: I'd be surprised. I think someone shoots maybe 6 or 7, but if it doesn't, well, it's good.

Q. When was the last time you found yourself at the top of the leaderboard, can you remember?

ROD PAMPLING: I think it was when we started last year in the Ozarks, I was up around the lead then. It's been a little while, but we had that big break with COVID, so it's just been getting the game back in the swing and it's finally coming around.

Q. What's your history here at this tournament? Have you been here a bunch?

ROD PAMPLING: The history here is zero. I haven't been here, so it's my first time here. So far it's -- after day one, the history's good.

Q. And where are you from originally?

ROD PAMPLING: Originally from Australia. We've been in the Dallas area for 20-odd years now. We're based over here now.

Q. What do you think of Iowa?

ROD PAMPLING: So far, so good. Again, I've only been here for the four days, so it's been fantastic. Staying downtown at the Surety and the hotel's phenomenal. That whole area's really nice.

Q. Kind of an international flavor, a lot of international flavor. Do you guys kind of relate to each other a little bit?

ROD PAMPLING: A little bit. It's great for that, the diversity of the Tour is phenomenal. We maybe hang with your own countrymen a little bit more, but everyone out here's great and relaxed and having fun, so it's a great tour to be on.