## ROUND 3 INTERVIEW August 22, 2021

### **ROD PAMPLING (-12)**



# Q. Only a few 66s on the course today. What led to that round and how long was that wait back there wondering if these guys were going to finish up?

**ROD PAMPLING:** Yeah, it was I guess maybe 45 minutes for a wait, but not too bad. It was pretty laid back. I was just on the edge of the range in the caddie room, so there was some different banter going on there so time went by quick. Just obviously come out of the gates quick, eagle-birdie start, that sort of got me right there. Yeah, I just played really good the front nine and just had the one little hiccup on I guess 10 and 16, but 16 was the one I just tried to hit it too hard and it just was never going to get there, wrong club. But I played really good golf, just very thankful that it was good enough at the end and great trophy to win.

### Q. First win on the Champions Tour?

ROD PAMPLING: Yeah.

Q. You mentioned how good it feels out here.

**ROD PAMPLING:** Oh, it's fantastic. You look at all the Hall of Famers are just phenomenal out here. There's so many and they still play really good golf, which people think they don't, but I'll tell you what, they play so good. It's just not quite as far off the tee anymore, but everything else is still really good. To get a win you've got to play good and thankfully I did today.

#### Q. What odds would you have put when you were done that that would win outright?

**ROD PAMPLING:** Not much, but as my caddie kept saying, he just kept saying, you know what, there's no reason that they can't make a bogey coming in. He said just hang tough, and we did and hey, it worked out. We got a little bit lucky at the end, but sometimes that's what you need.

# Q. Is it hard to watch knowing how much it means to you? Is it hard to watch it, or were you watching?

**ROD PAMPLING:** Oh, I was watching, but I was pretty relaxed. With the caddies, there really wasn't much time to sit down and relax, they were all over just telling stupid little jokes and whatnot. It's a typical caddie tent, so glad there was no TV in there.

Q. Jim Furyk said this is the kind of course you can get a lot of birdies, but also if you make a mistake that you're in a lot of trouble.

**ROD PAMPLING:** You get yourself in the wrong spots, it really is difficult, especially coming up 18. I was in the same boat, I hit a great second shot in there but it just went into the left side and I really had nothing. Obviously Woody and Furyk were both -- didn't hit great shots, but it's just hard to get up and down on that front pin. Thankfully, it worked out my way.

### Q. Five years since you won. How's it feel?

**ROD PAMPLING:** Great. Doesn't matter when you win, it's phenomenal. Obviously a new chapter on the Champions Tour, so it's nice to get one I guess not technically first year, so second year. It's good.