

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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RORY SABBATINI (-7)



Q. Rory, Round 1 out here at Boeing. What's it like playing this course?

RORY SABBATINI: Honestly, I wasn't sure what to expect coming here, I hadn't been here before, but from tee to green, pretty simplistic layout. You know the keys, the things you have to do, just put the ball in the fairway.

Greens are a little tricky out there and the bunkering is pretty severe, pretty deep. You know, the closer you get to the green, you have to be very particular, very precise on the shots you're going to play. Ironically enough, I think this course requires almost as much time to read chipping to the surface as it does to hit your putts.

Q. And you're relatively still new out here, but you've been playing pretty well, especially finished third at Kaulig, everything with Portugal at the start, too. You've had a little time off. What have you been working on specifically?

RORY SABBATINI: Nothing really I've been working on.

I think I got to the point that I'm not too worried about what I do, it's just it would be nice to actually continue playing the good golf I have but finish it off.

Firestone gave me a glimpse in the final round, but Portugal kind of set me back again, definitely got under my skin, irritated me a little bit. I just realized that out here you've just got to make sure that you keep your foot down on the pedal all the way to the end because there's too many good golfers out here.

Q. Is it easy to say though you brought Friday and Saturday from Portugal with you here?

RORY SABBATINI: No. I think this golf course, as I said, it's pretty self explanatory with the requirements. You have fairways, try and maximize hitting greens in regulation. If you can do that, you can really just specify and put your energy into putting. And on these greens you do, you've got to put a lot of energy into that. If you're hitting greens, you're conserving energy. If you're missing greens on this course, you're going to be burning a lot of energy out there. Definitely wearing yourself thin very quickly.

Today I kept it simple, didn't miss too many fairways. When I did, it was in the correct spot. Key reference was definitely hitting greens, and when I didn't, I was putting it in the right spots so made it simplistic. That was the key point.