

Round 1 Interview: JEFF MAGGERT (-7)
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JEFF MAGGERT: I made a lot of putts early in the round, chipped in once. Just kind of rode that the rest of the way. I didn't make really any mistakes and played the par 5s fairly well. So just consistent play, took advantage of them when I had an opportunity.

Q. Pretty good scoring conditions out here today, not much wind?

JEFF MAGGERT: Yeah, I mean, not really any wind. It came up a little bit, but nothing, usually kind of just the normal wind here. Other than a little hotter than normal, the golf course is playing good. The greens putted well. With the warm temperatures it plays a little shorter, the ball carries a little further, so probably a lot of good scores today, a lot of 4, 5, 6 unders probably.

Q. How are you feeling about your game coming into this week?

JEFF MAGGERT: Not great. I played terrible in Florida so I was a little disappointed with that. Played a little bit better the last week over there, but, you know, so I was wanting to come here and play well. I had a good finish here last year, so I had kind of a good taste in my mouth from the final round last year. So I just tried to come in here with a little kind of softer attitude, not worry about pressing it too hard and just working on my ball striking and just trying to take advantage of some holes where I knew I could make birdies.

Q. The Florida experience, was that on the PGA Tour or on this tour?

JEFF MAGGERT: No, the -- the Senior Tour, Champions Tour. I don't know, I was looking forward to playing over there but didn't play well at all. Our schedule's kind of we play a few weeks and we've got a few weeks off, so it was a good break for me. Worked on my game a little bit the last three weeks and felt good coming in here.

Q. Was there anything in particular that you were working on?

JEFF MAGGERT: Just being a little bit, you know, probably a little extra effort on my practice at home. Just trying to kind of work on some flexibility stuff off the golf course, just making sure my swing felt nice and smooth. Other than that, just kind of tried to do a lot of the stuff that I had been doing the past couple years.

Q. Is it harder to win out here on this tour than people think?

JEFF MAGGERT: Oh, there's no doubt. This tour's getting more competitive every year. The guys that are turning 50 now and getting ready to, it just adds to it. I would say the top 30, 40, 50 guys out here are pretty tough players. Any one of them can win any week.

Q. I saw you walking off with, is that one of your sons?

JEFF MAGGERT: That's my son here, yeah. It's our spring break this week so he's in town kind of goofing off, having a good time.

Q. What's his name?

JEFF MAGGERT: Jake.

Q. How old is he?

JEFF MAGGERT: 12.

Q. Is he the only family you have out here?

JEFF MAGGERT: Well, my wife and daughter are back in Florida on spring break. We kind of split it up. My son was with them last weekend and then Monday and Tuesday, and we came out here Wednesday. They're still down in Florida with some other friends. They're having a good time there and we're having a good time here.

Q. Jake's your wingman this week?

JEFF MAGGERT: He's my wingman.

Q. What do you think it's going to take to actually win this thing? One round in the books, but as you said there's a lot of guys shooting low, there's a lot of competition?

JEFF MAGGERT: Par 73, it kind of throws it off a little. I would think between 15 and 20 under I would think at least. With the five par 5s now, it makes it a little easier to make some birdies out there. The course is in good shape, too. The greens are putting good, so I expect guys to keep shooting low.