

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JEFF MAGGERT
JESPER PARNEVIK (-8)



Q. So a great start to the tournament. Who carried who today, or was it a team effort?

JESPER PARNEVIK: I love playing with Jeff. I played with him probably, what, a lot of times the last two years and still I've never seen him miss a shot. So it was very relaxing for me because I felt like terrible, I was so stiff this morning, it was freezing cold. I thought if I can just try to make some pars in case he ever makes a bogey, but I didn't even have to do that.

JEFF MAGGERT: We play well together. I mean, we both contributed a lot. Jesper had a lot of birdies and an eagle on our final nine. It was so cold this morning, I just was going to come out and just try to hit fairways and greens. Really I wasn't thinking about making birdies, I was just trying to play steady and give myself an opportunity to have some birdie putts. I would say the first four, five holes were a struggle for just trying to get loose. But we made four pars out of the gate and we just started making a few birdies and made some putts on that back nine.

JESPER PARNEVIK: I think I shocked Jeff, straight out of the blocks I hit a really good drive. I was surprised by 1 and 10, and I said maybe I feel pretty good. Then I hit the worst shank. Usually my shanks are pretty good because they get airborne. This one just trickled on the ground 90 degrees that way and Jeff just looked at me, what, are you okay? He made par.

JEFF MAGGERT: The hardest shot after a shank is the next shot, and he hit the next one pretty good so I think he got over them pretty quick.

Q. So you mentioned you started four pars and you got it going. Does that change the mentality, do you start to feel like you can be a little bit more aggressive, or did you keep the game plan steady the entire round?

JEFF MAGGERT: I figured if we could make five, six birdies today as a team, that would be good. You know, actually we made our first birdie and I looked up at the scoreboard and someone was 5 under already. I was like, holy cow, we need to make a few more birdies. We just played steady all day. I played a steady round on my own ball, and sometimes if you have one guy doing that, the other guy can just play more aggressive, shoot at the pins and you're not too worried about making bogeys.

JESPER PARNEVIK: I made three, four birdies maybe and an eagle, but he was in there

12 feet on every hole. So hit my snap hook sometimes. My shank didn't matter that much.

Q. Lastly, I saw that you had birdies on three par 3s. Does that give you a little feel good going into the next three days?

JEFF MAGGERT: We did talk about that. I said we're going to be playing a lot of 3s, so keep making these 2s. That's a good thing. We just missed another 2 on our ninth hole there, or on our 18th hole, No. 9. But anyway, we'll have fun the rest of the weekend.