

**CHARLIE RYMER**

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**Q. We'll start with just your general feeling coming back and seeing all the guys that you've played so many years against and with?**

**CHARLIE RYMER:** Got beat by. I'm going to tell you, it's really, it's almost been a little emotional for me, because to a man these players out here could not have been any more receptive to me, any nicer to me. I've had some wonderful conversations in the locker room, the parking lot. Just spent some time with my colleague John Cook, who's working TV this week and not playing. Got a little walk-by from him and it's -- I've got a whole dose of the warm fuzzies. In fact, I even got to talk to Fuzzy, too. So it's been a lot of fun. It's emotional, too, as well.

**Q. What's it been like from a competitive standpoint getting that part of your mind and your spirit back in that shape?**

**CHARLIE RYMER:** That's been a really big challenge for me. Switching gears trying to go from 20 years now in television to get back to playing competitive golf is -- it's a big challenge trying to get focused. Like a lot of folks in the media and other busy people, there's a lot of input coming in and we have to constantly process that. Whatever job you've got now, everybody's busy, productivity's really high, and I'm doing some of that early in the week as part of my duties being with Golf Channel. But to try and wall that off a little bit and start focusing on the golf, I don't know any other way to say it other than it's a big challenge. Trying to stay focused, see the shots, get through some drills, that sort of stuff, it's tough. The more I do it, hopefully the better I'll get. Fortunately, I get to play a handful of events, not just one. So I learned at the Diamond Resorts a few things that hopefully I'll apply this week and it will be a little better. Hopefully, I'll learn some things from this week so my next start is in Atlanta, I'll be a little bit better. Hopefully, that will sort of build up a little bit. And I'm not really expectation-wise looking at leaderboards or what the other guys are doing, I'm just trying to take care of what I need to do, give myself a chance to play my best golf.

**Q. So knowing that's what your expectations are, what are the goals that you set out for yourself?**

**CHARLIE RYMER:** I don't have any -- it's so funny. As a member of the media, it's like, all these players, they never really say anything. They actually do say things, you know, when you start talking about the process. You can't start thinking about end goals in this game. There's very few people that have ever played this game that can watch a tournament unfold in front of them and adjust their game plan and go win the golf tournament. Pretty much everybody that's ever played this game just gets their game plan and sticks to it. That's what Bernhard Langer does, he sticks to his game plan, he doesn't change his game plan.

It doesn't really matter where he stands in the tournament. There's a best way for each person to play a hole and you've just got to do that one hole at a time. So I'm so caught up in that right now that I really haven't even thought about, well, if I had a top 25 or a top-10. I'm not even thinking about that at all. I just want to go out there and give myself the best shot I've got to hit a few good shots.

**Q. So we won't even talk about Sunday night. How about Friday night, what would make you feel good come Friday night after the first round?**

**CHARLIE RYMER:** You know what, if I have done a good job of sticking to my game plan, getting targets, working on the things I've been working on in my golf swing, which now are pretty simple, if I've done a lot of that, then I'll accept whatever the results I get are. That's what it's about, because I know when I hit a bad shot it's a mental process is breaking down. So if I can get to Friday night and I hadn't broken down a whole lot, I'll be real happy.