

ROD PAMPLING (-5)

Q. You're in your PGA TOUR Champions debut, not a bad way to start. Just your thoughts on your first round out here?

ROD PAMPLING: Yeah, obviously great. It's a great location to start with. We've got a fantastic day, great partners. It was a bonus to put a good score up. It's a very exciting way to start.

Q. Did the weather interfere with your play at all? It was a little bit foggy in the morning.

ROD PAMPLING: No, we never had any issues. It was just a magnificent day. From yesterday afternoon out there, it was blowing 20 to 30, so it was nice just to have a nice calm day to get out there and shoot a good number.

Q. You probably don't know, but you're leading right now.

ROD PAMPLING: Oh, is it? All right, yeah.

Q. Was there a key moment in your play today that you can remember that kind of set you up?

ROD PAMPLING: It was just solid. I played nice golf early on, and then obviously on the last I just made a nice one for eagle. Yeah, it was just solid golf, nothing extraordinary, just made a couple of nice putts. The par 5s were key, I played them well, but other than that it was just when I got myself in trouble, made a great chip, which made it an easy par.

Q. How was playing with your junior? Were you able to help her much?

ROD PAMPLING: It was good. No, you know, we didn't -- she didn't play great, but we had a lot of fun. It's learning, you know. She hasn't been playing for too long, so it's just a big learning experience. Hopefully she's learnt a few things.

But no, we're going to definitely go on the range and try to work things out for her and get her playing a little bit better.

Q. How's it been just being back out here with some of your old friends?

ROD PAMPLING: It's good. It's good to know everyone. On the main tour, you walk around and you know about 30 percent of the guys now. They're so young. And every year

it's switching out, which is great for the game, but it's just nice to see some old faces. And obviously they're putting a little bit of dirt on me, which is expected, which is all good.

Q. Who are some of your closest friends out here that you were close with before?

ROD PAMPLING: Jerry Kelly was obviously, he's been some fun. Kent Jones we played quite a bit with. A lot of the guys were just that little bit ahead, but it's fun. Next year I think Tim Herron is coming out and Mike Weir, so those guys are more when I was out there. They've all been great. It's a fun, a little bit more relaxed atmosphere, which is good.

Q. This is only the second event you've played this year, is that right?

ROD PAMPLING: This is the first one.

Q. I know, but one on the regular tour?

ROD PAMPLING: Yeah, yeah, calendar year. This current year, yeah.