



Rob Labritz
Round 1 Interview Transcript
32-31—63 (-7)
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Question: Rob Labritz, congratulations on a first round today.

Rob Labritz Answer:
Thank you.

Question: So take us through your round. And this is the first time we've kind of seen you, you know, really play this well since even Morocco. So take us through.

Rob Labritz Answer:
Yeah. You know, to be honest with you, I -- I probably can't recall any of the shots. I'm one of those guys who -- who just plays one shot at a time, and then I forget about it. So I know I didn't make any bogeys, and I made seven birdies. And I think I birdied the last hole. But I think I threw four on the front, maybe three on the back, something like that. But I feel healthy, and I feel ready to go, and I'm just really happy to be here and play on this beautiful golf course.

Question: Absolutely. Chipped in on 7 and did that dance too.

Rob Labritz Answer:
Little dance, yeah. Chipped in on 7. I had another little chip-in on 5, which is always nice. So when those chip-ins happen, you know your day's going okay. But don't -- I hope nobody got the dance on film because it was pretty bad. I apologize to America for that dance.

Question: This is an important week for you. This is number 7, isn't it?

Rob Labritz Answer:
Yes.

Question: Explain what that means and why it's so important.

Rob Labritz Answer:
So to be a member of the Champions Tour, you have to play in a minimum seven events. And I lost my full status two years ago; so I've been grinding back the last few years, playing in every qualifier and every sponsor invite that I can get to get back to my number 7. So today's lucky number 7. We started out with a nice round today, 63. I feel good. Body feels good. I'm ready to go one shot at a time and just see where it ends. But I started out the way I wanted to; so let's go.

Question: Past this week, is there anything else lined up?

Rob Labritz Answer:

Every other week. If I don't -- you know, Michigan next week and then ...

Question: But do you have a spot?

Rob Labritz Answer:

No. God, no. I'm playing my butt off to try to get spots and try to get in fields. So yeah. If anybody wants to sponsor up, I'm happy to -- happy to do it because I love being out here. That's for sure.

Question: Is there any extra pressure in that, Rob?

Rob Labritz Answer:

Not right now. No, I'm done with all of that. I felt the pressure the third year when I was out here. You remember that. I've learned a lot since then. Learned how to take things one shot at a time, calm myself down. And, you know, I think about my wife and my kids and when I'm out there and stressed out and just -- I just have fun, hit shots. That's all I can do right now.

Question: What did you learn?

Rob Labritz Answer:

What did I learn?

Question: Yeah.

Rob Labritz Answer:

I learned it's really more important to really focus hard on every golf shot. I don't think I had the level of focus that I did my first few years. I was still kind of tinkering with my golf swing and tinkering with my game. And now I have a pretty good focus on all my golf shots, which is helping a lot.

Question: How does this course suit your game? Like, what do you like about this?

Rob Labritz Answer:

I love this place because it's -- you know, you have some drivers off the tee, reachable par 5s. You got some shorter par 4s. I hit a long hybrid. So a hybrid comes into play this week. Hitting a lot of wedges. And the greens are perfect. So, you know, the greens are acceptable. I've been here I think the last four or five years; so I've learned how to play it. And I just, again, love being up in Calgary.

Question: And that putt you made on your 18th hole, did you know that would get you in the lead if you made that?

Rob Labritz Answer:

No. Didn't -- didn't care. Didn't know. I'm just trying to play the best shots that I can. And if I do that every day, I can -- I can do some damage.

Question: Yeah. What did you think of the 16th hole with, you know, the Ballpark?

Rob Labritz Answer:

Oh, my gosh. Are you kidding me? It's great. So they put a walk-up song. It was a nice country song for me. I forgot to give them one. But it was one – something about one beer, but it was awesome. I had a nice little dance going there, too, which I hope you didn't get on film because – you did. Well, to America, I cannot dance; so it's just one of those things.
