

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**SAM RYDER ( -10)**

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**Q. Sam, 10 birdies, just one bogey today, obviously a lot went right. Just a few comments about today and what you felt good about.**

**SAM RYDER:** Yeah, I woke up feeling good honestly. It was an early morning but body felt good, slept well, got -- had a good warmup and got out of the gates solid. Birdies right away, kick-in on my second hole, 2, and felt like I could have birdied every hole the first six or so. Just kind of stayed patient and was able to turn in 5 and kind of kept it going on the back. Gave one back on the last, but all in all it was a really solid, steady day.

**Q. They mentioned out here a lot of fairways, not many putts, that's a good combination. How does that help you with your confidence?**

**SAM RYDER:** Yeah, I think off the tee is where a lot of it starts for me and it's been kind of the theme for me. I feel like if I drive it well, then I play well. Iron play's a strength of mine, feels like it's been a strength. So out here, just trying to put the ball in the fairway and attack.

We had milder conditions today, not a lot of wind, so you kind of felt like receptive greens, let's take advantage. I was able to give myself a lot of looks from the fairway and yeah, rolled some putts in. Yeah, felt like it was just a really solid, steady day and started off the tee for me.

**Q. One last question from me. Your attitude, you're relaxed, you're calm. I would imagine that translates to kind of a peace and confidence?**

**SAM RYDER:** Yeah, I'm trying to get a little bit of that kind of confidence back. I feel like I've had -- I've been in contention, I haven't won on Tour but this is my seventh season, I made the Playoffs every year to this point, so I feel like I belong.

I've been working really hard to try and work on my game, but I also know that I'm in a good place, I'm not kind of beating myself up too much. There's obviously a lot at stake coming down to the end of the FedExCup season, but I feel pretty relaxed. Honestly, I feel like I'm doing all the right things and things will work themselves out and all is well.

**Q. Sam, just about how much does this golf course change when you take the wind and the rain out of the equation?**

**SAM RYDER:** It's completely different and it can turn quickly so you kind of just have to be abreast to kind of the changing conditions, but you don't really know what you're going to get when you wake up. Obviously we look at the forecast, but you still don't know. And I think



this course does play to the conditions. I think you expect some wind and maybe some rain, so my attitude is kind of embrace that. I don't expect it to be calm -- well, I took advantage of it today, but I think the course is kind of meant to be played with some wind and tough conditions. That's I think probably what we'll expect this weekend.

**Q. You knew you needed a good round to make it to the weekend for the first time here in Bermuda, obviously today was an exceptional round for you. What finally clicked for you on this golf course after now your third try in Bermuda?**

**SAM RYDER:** I think I just put myself in the fairway more, feeling a little bit more comfortable off the tee. There are a couple kind of different tee shots. I feel like we have a pretty good game plan. I just feel like I'm in a better place with my swing and my game. I feel like I have control of my ball right now, pretty much eliminating the left side of the golf course for the most part. You know, I felt good here coming in in the past honestly, so I don't really know, sometimes it doesn't add up. Places I've played well and had top-5s and I've missed the cut. Yeah, I feel like I'm just mentally in a pretty good place right now. I'm relaxed, I wasn't thinking too much about the cut or FedExCup stuff, I'm kind of just taking it one shot at a time, feeling pretty present out there on the course so that's probably helped me.

**Q. Do you think that's been a difference from the other events you've played so far this fall where the results haven't really gone your way?**

**SAM RYDER:** I think it was more my technical stuff really. I feel like I've done a lot of good work trying to work on my mental space and try and feel -- you know, I think we have a tendency, I do, to put a lot pressure on myself and we know what's at stake and it's been a little different year with the schedule changing and went from just missing top 50 last year to battling to keep my card.

There's no time to really feel sorry for myself or kind of complain about the situation I'm in, I'm just kind of like accepting what it is and working on my game. But this fall I was trying to work on something simple with my swing to try and get back to playing the golf that I know I can play and I think I found some things that are kind of clicking.

