



# 87TH PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

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### *INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT*

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Quotes From:

## JOHN ROLLINS

JOHN ROLLINS: I played good early, got off to a good start, kind of fizzled in the middle of my round, made some bogeys, which you're going to do on this golf course.

No. 8, which was my 17th hole, I had 103 yards and holed the shot from the fairway for an eagle, which kind of jump started me right there at the end to salvage a pretty good round out of it.

I had 103 just out of the first cut and I just played a little back and I knew that it would kind of hit and release; the greens were firming up pretty good and everything and just hit it, came out perfect just right of the hole and hit the green and just trickled in just like a putt.

I think it played a little tougher today than it has been in the practice rounds. It's a little firmer, drier, the balls are rolling in the fairway, so you've got the first few days, the fairways were wider than they are now just because they were softer, but since they are firmer now, the balls are getting into the rough easier so you have to watch what you're hitting off of tees and really where you're putting the balls on the greens because they were a little firm and fast this afternoon. It was a sand wedge, just like a middle wedge.

I bogeyed 18. It was a little upset when I made the turn there with a bogey coming into a hole, I'm 1-under for the tournament, and playing a hole on this kind of golf course where it doesn't ever let up on you and you have a par 5 that's reachable, and I hit a bad tee shot and continued to hit a couple of bad shots from there and ended up making a 6. It was pretty frustrating and came out ask settled down on the front side which was my back nine and managed to keep it together. I hit a great shot at the right time and we're pretty pleased.

Just keep the ball in the fairway and get the ball on the greens and give yourself some good looks.

Hopefully I can get out in the morning, get a good round early and relax and get ready for a good weekend.

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