



## Quotes from Thursday's First Round August 11, 2005

### 87<sup>th</sup> PGA Championship – Baltusrol Golf Club

#### **Ian Poulter (1-under par 69)**

(On his first round) "It got off to a rough start. I missed two fairways and had to hit a lot of lay up shots. Then I played well coming in. I made four birdies in the last five and that changes your day from 3-over (par) to 1-under and being in good position."

(On the course conditions) "It's a lot easier if you hit the ball well off the tee. It's a lot easier than trying to get out of the rough all day. "

#### **Hal Sutton (1-under-par 69)**

(On his first round) "I played good. I hit a couple of bad iron shots early on and missed a green when I shouldn't have. But I drove the ball real well all day long and then I started hitting my irons well. I just played a solid round of golf to be honest."

(On shooting a 1-under 69 after a long layoff) "I haven't played since the second round at Westchester (on June 24). I hit some practice balls, played a practice round on Wednesday and worked on some other things. I hit the ball solid today. When you hit the ball solid you play well."

(On the course conditions) "If you keep the ball in play, it's long, but you can score. I don't think anyone is going to shoot five or six-under our there. I'd be surprised if they did that. I do think three or four (under) is within reach.

(On the very hot conditions) "If I can handle it, anybody can. I hadn't played golf in I don't know when. It's bearable. That's they way it is in Louisiana."

(On the length of the course) "I don't think the length is outrageous. I think it's fair. That 505-yard par 4 is downhill and I hit driver, 4-iron in two."

#### **Michael Campbell (4-over-par 74)**

(On his first round) "Off the tee wasn't too good today. I need to work on my tee ball. I hit a few shots to the right today and they cost me."

(On the weather affecting the course conditions) "The weather was obviously baking those greens making them very dry and making it a different golf course than the ones in the practice rounds."



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### **Jesper Parnevik (2-under-par 68)**

(On playing two practice rounds with Vijay Singh) "I always love playing with [Vijay Singh] because he is a very aggressive player. He likes to put a driver in his hand and he knows he needs to make a lot of birdies around here and I really picked up on that and I hit driver on pretty much every hole and I hit the fairway.

(On what he attributes his good play to) "Rest. Rest is always good and I have had the best summer I have had since I was a kid. I figured I haven't had this long of a break during the summer time since I was about 13. I did some fun stuff with the family back in Sweden, had a good time and did stuff I usually don't do in the summer because it is our busiest time of the year so it was a great change."

(On the course and playing conditions) "The wind didn't blow real hard today. It did go back and forth but you can tell that pretty much anyone can win. The guys that hit it in the fairways are going to have a good chance and the long hitters are going to have a chance because they will have shorter clubs into the green. It doesn't set up for anyone. It is hard to say what is the deciding factor here. The greens are tough and if you start getting birdie putts from difficult angles it is a completely different ball game. You will be lagging for two putts instead of putting for birdies."

(On his expectations) "Still not very much [laughing]. I am playing really well, so I am happy with that. That is key number one, to start playing well again and having a clue where the ball is going. Golf is fun then. If you struggle through and hit and hope and it is not that satisfying, but the key for me is to keep on playing good golf and that is all I can expect right now."