

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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ROD SPITTLE (-6)

ROD SPITTLE: It's all good, we made it. Didn't fall in the lake or anything like that, so all good. It was a great day, great day.

Q. What were those emotions, can you capture that for us?

ROD SPITTLE: You know already, it's pretty hard to. We've had so much fun, and as I've told everybody all week, you know, to have started when we did, of course, and to not have any guarantees and we lasted, what, 14 or 15 years. You know, it's been a lot of fun. Selfishly, it's been a lot of fun to come play and practice every day. I never thought that I could get my golf game back to this level. You know, to come and compete with everybody for the last little while has just been an awful lot of fun. Our pairing today, I mean, just goes -- I mean, it's just the best. The Champions Tour is a great venue to come watch the best guys play and it's been an honor to be a part of it.

Q. Is there a point it hit you out there today?

ROD SPITTLE: You know, not really. Again, as you know, you've listened to me enough, I'm always a pretty much glass-half-full kind of guy. We'll still get to play a round and I'll just get to go home and play with my buddies. You know, having Billy on the first tee and screaming and introducing you, that's pretty cool. We have embraced it all and I've been very proud again to wear the flag and the bag for so long. I mean, that's what we all have in common. Like I said, I got to carry it for a little while and now I'll turn it over to a few more kids and we'll go watch everybody from the family room, that's all. It's been the best.

Q. What was that walk up 18 like for you?

ROD SPITTLE: You know, it's -- it's just what you think it is. Again, as I mentioned to you earlier in the week, when Annie and I decided that this was going to be our last year, and a few people knew at the start of the year and we set our schedule, you've heard me say all week, I really didn't think it was going to be that big a deal. I mean, all this -- I was talking, it's the middle of winter and you hit the sports page and that's pretty cool. You know, so it's been -- it's been very gratifying and very humbling all at the same time. So yeah, it's pretty cool, that's for sure.

Q. The emotions stayed in check all day today?

ROD SPITTLE: Yeah. There have been a few times this week, yeah, as you might expect. But, you know, I'm a professional and I'm not supposed to cry when I go to work, so we did the best we can for most of the week. But, you know, again, not to be corny, as you all

know, we play I think one of the best sports there is. It's a gentleman's sport, we shake hands at the beginning and at the end, we stand up for the national anthem. It's a classy sport. And the relationships, you saw the guys on the first tee, some folks here, I mean, it's a fraternity. And again, as I've said from here all week, you know, we've been incredibly fortunate to have tiptoed our way in and it's just been a blast to hang out with these guys and to be a part of it, so yeah, it's been a lot of fun.

Q. What's the story with the potato chips?

ROD SPITTLE: Billy just being a smart Alec, I guess. Just sending me home. So I'll be watching him in a couple weeks, I guess, something like that. How nice is that, though, absolutely.

Q. And just the fans on 18?

ROD SPITTLE: Oh, my. You know, as you know, I had a great -- we were in the last group yesterday, so we kind of had a preview. They're watching -- it was fun to be part of that group, as you know, and so then to kind of have the same thing replay here this afternoon. And again, to finish off playing with Darren and Gibby, I think that's the first time I've played with Gibby, Darren again. Everybody's getting ready for the Ryder Cup and the whole European story. What a wonderful classy guy.

So, again, to get paired with him. He was teasing me on the first couple holes, you know, "What are you going to do, where are you going?" I said, "I'm going home to sit on the couch and watch you play Champions Tour golf for the next 10 years." I think that's okay, without a doubt.