

**Q. So how was the walk, day one here?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Wasn't too bad. We had a great tee time, we were first off, so I don't think it really got hot until some of the holes on the back nine. It wasn't bad at all. I held up pretty good physically, so happy about that.

**Q. Obviously a good first round for you, puts you toward the top of the leaderboard. Was it just good scoring conditions in your opinion today or were you hitting the ball particularly well?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** A little bit of both, scores are good out there today. The greens are perfect, the fairways are perfect. So if you drive it in the fairway, you can shoot a good score out here for sure. Today I got away with a few. I hit a couple really crooked drives and got lucky, and then chipped in for par on 16, which was nice. I made a few nice saves, but all in all, 5-under's a good start.

**Q. Last year you struggled a bit out here, so does it feel good to get past the first round?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah, I like it here. Even last year. Well, I've been hurt for four years, and last year I was in bad shape when I was here and had to WD out of the Senior PGA two weeks ago and go home and see my chiropractor and see my pain doctor and get my head on right. So I feel a lot better physically. That's the main thing for me. I've got to feel halfway decent to play good.

**Q. What was it like being part of that opening ceremony this morning with the police officers and all of that going on?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** It was really good. It gave me goose bumps actually. When the guy was painting upside down and singing the national anthem at the same time, I was like, he's not going to finish this picture, what is he making? Then he spins it 180 degrees and put the flag on there, I was like blown away, so that was pretty cool. He was singing at the same time he was painting. That was a pretty amazing opening ceremony.

**Q. Are you sticking with the pants even when it gets 98 degrees?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** I don't think so. These pants are very hot. These are more suited for about 58 degrees than 98 degrees, so I think I'll go with something a little bit lighter. We'll see how tomorrow goes and maybe bring them back out Sunday, but we'll have to play it by ear.

**Q. For you, how much fun is this tournament and why do you make it a point to come back for this one?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** It's probably my favorite tournament on this tour. Any time you've won at a place, it jumps right up to the top of your list. Being -- growing up in Laurel, Nebraska, three and a half hours from here, it reminds me a lot of home when I was a kid. And my wife's from Ohio, so we're Midwesterners. We've lived in Florida a long time, but I love it up here, I love Des Moines and the fans have a great time here. So that's important, too.

**Q. Is the wind going to change your game the next two days?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah, it's supposed to blow pretty good, 20 to 30, you know, but I think it's going to be coming from a similar direction from the southwest, so at least we know the way the holes play with a little bit of wind, so we will just factor in, hopefully pull the right clubs but it's going to be a lot tougher on the weekend for sure.

**Q. Everyone talks about this being an old-style golf course. How different is it from anything else you play during the year?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** A lot, we really don't play anything remotely close to this. The one year we played at Westchester. I would lump Westchester Country Club in with something like this. All our courses are on the newer side, bigger fairways, bigger properties. So to have a nice little old course in this little tight property and have all the fans come out, it's just fantastic. I'm a fan of it obviously and wish we played a lot more like it.

**Q. How long does it take you to get used to a course like this where you kind of have a feel for the course?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** It can take a while depending on, I think a lot of it's attitude. If you get out here on a couple holes and you don't get good success on 1 or you don't like the second shot on 8 because it's uphill and you can't see anything, a few of the other holes, some of the greens are pretty tough, pretty severe. If you get on the wrong side of that and just talk yourself out of it, you can be pretty miserable in a hurry, and I'm familiar with that theory. So I know all about that. You know, I like it here. I always have. Last year I wasn't playing well and I wasn't feeling well, so it was tough. But I'm glad to be back, going in the right direction now, and it's a good place to start.

**Q. Do you go to a chiropractor adjustment after this first round?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Not now. I took the Senior PGA off and WDD the week before that and saw my chiropractor four times, saw the pain doctor.