

Pre-Tournament | Dicky Pride | May 10

Q: As a Tuscaloosa native, how great is it to be back in Alabama and here this week?

Dicky Pride: Oh, it's exciting. I see a lot of people. I just saw a buddy of mine that beat me playing in the state high school golf by a shot to win, and I finished second and he has not forgotten that he beat me. But it's really enjoyable to be back and see a lot of people I haven't seen in a long time and catch up with a lot of people.

Q: As you're heading into the week, what are you feeling good about?

Dicky Pride: Well, I really don't know, to be honest with you, because I had to withdraw last week because I had a muscle spasm in my back that did not allow me to play and I haven't even played a practice round. I just went to the range to see if I could hit drivers to play this week and the good news is I could and I am, so it's a little bit of an unknown, but I'm fresh, you know, and I'm excited to be here. So, I'm going to try to take it easy. And not push too hard on my back and we'll see what happens.

Q: Just some thoughts on the course and how you feel it sets up for your game.

Dicky Pride: You know, you really got to control the ball. It's a good golf course. Distance control is premium with whatever you're hitting in there. The 2nd hole is a par 5 that you can reach, but you have to reach that at the right spot, the front right and maybe kick over or land it on the green. It's a bunch of holes like that. Being aggressive, you can be looking at a double real quick, so it's control of the ball and giving yourself a bunch of opportunities to make birdie.

Q: What does it mean to have the Children's of Alabama here?

Dicky Pride: The TOUR does such a great job of charity to begin with, and to have it affect a charity that I've known basically my whole life. That's a really satisfying feeling to know that I'm part of that to bring something back to where I came from.