

# THE PLAYERS Championship

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TPC Sawgrass

## Erik Van Rooyen

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Talk us through the third shot out there on your last hole.**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: 62 to the pin, tried to land it about two past it. Probably playing about 70 in my mind with the breeze, and hit it perfect.

**Q. How fortunate do you feel to be on this side of the draw?**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: Very much so. Yesterday we played one hole, was off at 6:05, I think, and I was here early at 10:00 in the morning doing a bit of putting and seeing the guys battle it out. You feel for them because it could have just as easily been me on that side. I think if you look at the leaderboard, most of the guys up there will be on my draw.

**Q. Knowing the kind of summer you had last year, getting to the TOUR Championship, being in all the majors, having everything locked up, does that give you a sense of freedom playing the TOUR this year?**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: Absolutely. I think the feeling was vastly different a year ago, all new golf courses, trying to find my feet out here, and not playing well compared to everything at my feet this year.

I feel like I'm playing really well this year. I had two good finishes in the Middle East on the European Tour. I haven't quite scored well enough out here yet, but I'm finding my way.

**Q. DP World Tour now.**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: DP World Tour, absolutely.

**Q. What's the most common chirp the fans give you for the mustache?**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: Honestly, it's the same thing over and over. "Love the mustache." "Love the mustache, man". Yeah, it's good fun. Honestly, I didn't really plan on



it, but it's sticking here a bit longer than I thought it would.

**Q. Looks like it's getting a little bit of curl. Is the idea to go full handlebar?**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: I try, but it kind of has a mind of its own. So it kind of goes -- especially with the windy conditions here, it just goes all over the place. So I don't have the control over it.

**Q. How different was it to come back out this morning in the chilly conditions?**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: It was really cold. On the 12th hole, I took my jacket off and I was shivering, but I just couldn't hit with the jacket on. I was on the brink of clattering my teeth. It was chilly, but you get over it, and you've got some hand warmers in the pockets and away you go.

I think playing in Minnesota probably set me up for this (laughing).

**Q. I was going to say, do you remember playing any tournaments in Minnesota that were that cold?**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: This is like a fall day up there, so I'm used to this. I remember playing Illinois's tournament one year, and it started sleeting like on a 36-hole day. So, yeah, you kind of think about those days, and this doesn't seem too bad.

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