

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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LUKE LIST (-4)



Q. How would you assess your round out there today?

LUKE LIST: Yeah, much better on the greens. Just bogeyed the last, but I played some really nice golf in the middle of the round. Overall, I didn't feel like I had my A-game swinging tee to green, but I faked it pretty well and was able to score nicely.

Q. Has that been the key, just better putting?

LUKE LIST: For me, usually that's the case, yeah. So it was nice to make some putts early and feel like I had some momentum at least in the round where before I've had a couple missed opportunities throwing in a three-putt and it just kind of slows you down. Today I was able to kind of build off that, you know, a couple made putts on par 5s where I had it up around the green in two. So to birdie those holes on my first nine was huge.

Q. Did it feel good to get in a good round (inaudible) recent struggles?

LUKE LIST: Yeah, it's been close. I feel like I've had a lot of even par rounds where I've hit it really well and just putted away from the hole. So it's nice again to see some putts go in. That's always nice regardless of how you're playing, even if you're not hitting it well. I know my swing's there and if I can continue to build off that and just make a few putts and just continue to hit quality putts, it's going to be good.

Q. Is it tough when you're swinging well but not scoring, not seeing the results that you think you should be seeing?

LUKE LIST: Yeah, for sure. That's been the majority of my career. So it seems like whenever I can putt halfway decent, I get up in contention a little bit. I've fought different swing issues, but to be swinging well the last couple weeks and not seeing results is a little frustrating. Tried a new mentality a little bit, just trying to hit quality putts and that seems to be pretty good regardless of the result.

Q. What's usually the biggest thing that holds you back from putting?

LUKE LIST: It's all mental. I've got a good stroke, I feel like. It's just kind of when you get too result based and you hear people talk about that, it gets me into trouble personally. So if I can just free that up and not worry about whether I make or miss it, just hitting quality putts, I'll be all right.