

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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MACKENZIE HUGHES (-11)

Q. Just overall assessment on your round today.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, it was a good day. The conditions were pretty tough, so felt like under par was going to be a pretty good effort. Yeah, was in control of the ball for the most part. Made kind of a bad bogey on the first hole, I three-putted, but was steady after that.

Yeah, pleased overall. I left some putts out there I would have liked to have made, but it was very difficult to putt with the wind the way it was. I'm sure I'm not the only guy that had that issue.

Q. Just from your perspective, the difference between the two days based on these conditions we're having?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, night and day really. Yesterday you didn't really play for much wind at all, the shots were just right there in front of you, not much thinking really to do, to be honest. Then today you had to be aware of the places to miss and be a bit more tactical in your approach. I like it this way, I like it when it's tough. Hopefully the wind keeps up this weekend and the scores continue to be a bit higher.

Q. When you look back at where you've been after the first two rounds here at this tournament, a win, some missed cuts, what are the differences that you see, whether it's your game, conditions, that lead to four rounds?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, I'm not really sure the answer to that. Sometimes you come to a tournament and feel comfortable and get off to a good start and just roll with that, which in my win and then this week kind of felt like that. You just kind of get off to a good start, kept it rolling.

This is also a place that if you get off to a slow start, with the wind the way it is, it can be tough to fight back. I think it's important to get off to a nice start and get yourself maybe a bit ahead of the game just because that wind can pick up and play really difficult. That's probably the big difference really is those two times where it's kind of gone my way a bit more, just getting off to a nice start and then keeping the pedal down.