

**MARK HUBBARD (-4)**

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**Q. Nice hole-in-one there on 11. Can you describe the no-handed follow-through and kind of your reaction to that?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** I mean, honestly, it was pretty embarrassing. Didn't quite know where the ball was going today. Taking a week off and whatever I just didn't feel as spot on and I think I let go of the club on about three of the last four shots as well and they all ended up OK. I just felt really stuck and I thought it was going to be way right of the green. I looked up and it was a perfect one yard draw. Wyndham actually was like, as soon as I let go, he's like, Dude, that better not go in, but sure enough it landed and trickled in like a putt. Yeah, I think that's probably going to end up being one of my favorite hole-in-ones I ever had just because of the situation. And none of them even gave me high-fives after.

**Q. How many have you had?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** That was my ninth.

**Q. Did you deserve any high-fives?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Absolutely not. I did not, no. You've got to be lucky out here, too. I hit a lot of good shots that didn't go in today.

**Q. I'd like to hit one that badly that goes in.**

**MARK HUBBARD:** My misses were good today, that's why I shot 4 under, and they really have been all year. I've kind of taken the left side of the course out of play the whole year. It might not always be pretty, but I know it's either going to go where I want or it's going to be right and it's very manageable.

**Q. You've been playing pretty well like your last three starts, I think all top-15 finishes, a couple top-5s I think. Has that been the difference, just eliminating one side of the course?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, I mean, I think that's part of it. I think I've just taken a lot of ownership over my game this year and I've worked hard at it and when you do that kind of on your own and it becomes so much your own, it holds up under pressure and confidence just kind of grows from there versus what I was doing for a long time, which is kind of trying to do stuff that isn't inherently me and unique in me. I just feel I'm swinging my swing now more than ever. Yeah, like I said, confidence comes from that, I think.

**Q. When you have let go of the club on those other shots, did they all go right?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, for the most part they're all right. This one, you know, started a little right, it kind of drew back. I guess I flipped it right at the end and saved it.

**Q. I was wondering if that was the common miss for you.**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, my miss is always right. I get a little ahead of it and get a little struck. I'm working on it, but I think it's always going to be my miss and I'm fine with that now, I'm not fighting it anymore. I'm done with the left side of the course, I'll hang out in the middle and on the right.

**Q. You know your brother I think posted something on Twitter. You knew that was probably going to happen, right?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Oh, yeah. I deserve it. Like I said, it was embarrassing. It was fun, but it was embarrassing.

**Q. How many aces have you had in competition?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** I mean, including like college and stuff like that, I would say six out of the nine.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**MARK HUBBARD:** This is definitely the first one that I dropped my club. The previous one I had before this, my eighth, was at Baker's Bay and I had dropped about a hundred beers, so I don't know if I had shoes on. Probably not. Definitely didn't have a shirt. So that one was equally as, you know, shenanigans as this one, but this one was fun.

**Q. When you haven't been swinging your swing, was somebody trying to get you to do something that wasn't you, or what --**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, it's tough because it's like you're always trying to get better. So I worked with a coach for a long time and he made me better in so many ways. He taught me so much about golf, but then it got to a certain point where it's like, OK, I know what he's had to teach me and now I have to take that information and make it my own, see how I can sort of get to some of the positions that he wants me to, but in my way with my feels. So for a while there when I really wasn't swinging it well, it was too much. I was thinking about what he was having me do and not just sort of having a filter that works, this doesn't sort of thing.

So, I mean, it's no discredit to him, it's just kind of a natural evolution of my golf swing and he's made me the player I am today, for sure. This is Kevin Kirk, one of my old coaches. I've started seeing a new guy a little bit to try to get some more athleticism, but at the end of the day I'm mostly doing my own thing. I'm on the range, I'm taking what they both told me and I

have a good filter and I kind of process it and figure out a few feels that work for me to kind of translate what they're saying into how I'm actually going to operate under the gun, when I'm under pressure, when I'm tired, whatever it may be.