

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE**  
July 13, 2023



**MARCUS HELLIGKILDE ( -6)**

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**Q. Marcus, in with a round of 6 under in the opening round here at the Barbasol. What did you do well out there today? Was there a part of your game that sort of excelled?**

**MARCUS HELLIGKILDE:** My putting was good. It's not been good for quite a long time, so I'm happy that it was good today. It's been good the last few rounds I've played, so I'm very happy that that's getting along nicely.

**Q. You played here last year. What did you learn about this golf course that you could bring here this year and put into practice?**

**MARCUS HELLIGKILDE:** I learned that you need to shoot a low score and you don't need to like try and hunt it, just hit the center of the green if you miss a fairway, and if you have a wedge in, then you can go for the flags. So kind of playing conservative golf still and then just let the birdies come to you.

**Q. You said to me that this is your first trip to Kentucky, but you've been -- sorry, not your first trip. You've been to the United States a few times, you played Barracuda and here and you practice a lot in the wintertime in Florida. How different is it over here compared to where you play in Europe?**

**MARCUS HELLIGKILDE:** It's warmer, definitely warmer. It's not as warm this year as it was last year here. Almost got like stroke last year. But yeah, the ball goes further, the greens always are good on the courses we play here. It's just golf.

**Q. You've had some experience winning at all different levels as an amateur and then on the Nordic League Tour and on the Challenge Tour. What do you need to do to get to that level on the DP World Tour and the PGA TOUR?**

**MARCUS HELLIGKILDE:** I think I should just continue doing what I do because I'm pretty good at winning golf tournaments when I'm playing well. It's just about giving myself enough opportunities of being up there. I've played on the DP World Tour for (indiscernible) years now and I've only been in contention once going down the back nine. And I felt comfortable, I felt like I was able to win the golf tournament. I did not, but I feel like I just need to put myself in the position enough times and then suddenly there will come a few.

