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ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE
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PIERCESON COODY (-9)



Q. Pierceson, 9 under first round, how are you feeling after 18 holes?

PIERCESON COODY: It was nice. Yeah, 9 under's a great score. You kind of know that it's a really good golf course, especially when the wind kind of dies down. It's just rain in the morning, soft. Post a good score, getting a good start to the tournament is really nice for me.

Q. Like you were saying you know that there are going to be some low scores, mentality-wise do you tell yourself, all right, I have to hit 22, 23, 24? Like is there a specific number in mind?

PIERCESON COODY: Not really. That was kind of the first time in a while that like my game's kind of felt natural, felt I don't want to say easy because golf's never easy, but just kind of birdies just kept coming my way. I'd get good looks, good swings. I had one bogey, probably chasing (indiscernible) too much just because I felt like I had -- I had things going my way. But I guess on a course like this where you know guys are going to shoot 6, 7, 8 under every round that you've just got to play your game and hope that the birdies fall your way.

Q. Does it help you at all playing alongside playing partner with Jeremy Paul, who's 8 under, and you guys are kind of pushing each other?

PIERCESON COODY: It certainly helps you kind of once you get low and you see another guy going low, it's kind of like a game within a game of, all right, I know you're towards the top of the leaderboard and I'm towards the top of the leaderboard but I want to finish out on top. It certainly helps out the group going in a good direction.

Q. You were saying everything kind of started going your way. Is there anything specific, like putting or short game, or is it really just all around?

PIERCESON COODY: The last few months have been probably some of the toughest stretch of my professional career. I just haven't hit it well, haven't chipped it that well. When you're not hitting it that well, you're short-sided, you're not making putts. I just kind of felt a little bit of a mental funk like things aren't going my way. I feel like I've been trying to dig myself out of this hole and this is a good first step to kind of going in the right direction again.

Q. Nobody's ever complained about a 10-birdie day, right? So you've been trying to



dig out of that funk. What have you been working on? What have you been changing? Has it all been mental or has it been certain aspects of the game?

PIERCESON COODY: Yeah, I'm making some physical changes. I had a hand surgery in the winter and I just developed some bad habits. Even though I played pretty solid and got a win early in the season, I just left the face open at the top and just in some spots that I don't like to be in. Been trying to work real hard on getting the face more square at the top of the swing and just starting the ball on a tighter line.

My putting's kind of been hot and cold, but kind of the same thing, just been inconsistent. But today I finally hit some of those nice eight-to 12-footers, the ball was going right up to the hole at the right speed and a handful of them went in. I just hope to continue on that kind of trend.

Q. What's the pre-putt mantra kind of for you when you're reading the green, trying to get the speed down? Walk me kind of through what you do when you're on the green sizing up a big putt.

PIERCESON COODY: I'm trying to just slow it down. As cliché as that is, just I go check the back of the hole and I check for face on, check the back of the hole when other guys are putting, come back around the hole for one more look and roll straight putts. You know how a lot of putts out here that are much more than a cup out left or out right, so I plumb bob a lot of putts, just kind of get a dead set line on a ball out or so. And then I just kind of -- I don't do any practice strokes, just kind of line it up and just get over it and hit it after that. Once I pick my line, I just kind of try and not rush the putt, but get in there with the right mindset and hit it.

