

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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ERIC COLE (-10)



Q. Solid first two days for you. What's working so far?

ERIC COLE: Everything's pretty solid, I'd say. It's a course you have to hit straight on, and I wish I would have hit it a little straighter, but when I did get out of play, I got a little lucky here and there. But everything's good and hopefully keep it going the next two days.

Q. Obviously a couple weeks off. What did you do with the break?

ERIC COLE: Just kind of relaxed, didn't do much. I actually had a friend's bachelor party out in Colorado so that was last weekend, then came here from there. So a little rest, not a ton of golf. It was nice to kind of get away from it a little.

Q. Obviously coming in as a rookie, you're playing every week during the season. obviously you've locked up your spot in the signature events, you can't really improve your FedExCup standing. How are you kind of approaching the fall in terms of how much you're playing?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, not a huge difference. When I get to a tournament I'm trying to play as well as I can and hopefully have a good finish. My fiancée's here with me this week and we love Napa, so it's kind of a cool spot to come play a tournament and see some of the local scenery and stuff.

Q. Does it free you up at all knowing you don't have to -- feel like you have to keep playing super well to improve? Obviously chasing a win.

ERIC COLE: Yeah, for sure. There's definitely a little bit of freedom that comes with being in that top-50 after last year and having kind of a set schedule to play and not have to worry about that too much. Kind of like as a rookie going into this year, you have a lot of questions as to which tournaments you're going to get in and which ones you aren't. So to have those tournaments is nice.

Q. Does something like a Rookie of the Year award motivate you at all or are you just kind of playing golf?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I'd say it definitely is motivating. It's one of those things you only get one chance at it, which is something that's a little rare. Definitely something that's motivating. I'm trying to play as well as I can. If that's how it ends up, then that would be great.