## ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTE November 4, 2023

### **MACKENZIE HUGHES (-17)**



### Q. Nine-under 63, what did you like about this third round?

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** The score, the score was nice. You know, I haven't had too many low ones like that this year, so to see some red numbers last couple of days has been nice.

Yeah, just kind of managed my game really well today. I wasn't quite as sharp as I was yesterday, but scored it really nicely. Yeah, just pleased with the effort today.

### Q. Final round, (indiscernible) balls in the fairway. What's the key to navigating around this course?

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** You know, it's changed, the golf course, I think a fair bit from the first two days till now. There's a few holes today that I thought played quite a bit shorter with different clubs off the tee so you had to be kind of a little more -- do a little more thinking out there today.

So yeah, just kind of keep the ball in front of you. There are a few danger spots you have to kind of look out for. Yeah, no, the course played really nice and looking forward to a chance tomorrow.

# Q. Down to our final couple of events, the FedExCup Fall, what's your motivation as you're in that Next 10?

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Yeah, trying to stay in that place, stay in that group, but more importantly, I'd love to challenge for a trophy. So I know Matt's kind of running away a little bit, but there's some things that can happen, and the golf course, you know, lends itself to birdies, so you never know what tomorrow might bring.

Yeah, motivation is, yeah, to keep playing well and to keep my spot in those elevated events.

#### Q. ZOZO, is that where you made a caddie switch?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah.

### Q. Who do you have on the bag for you?

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** So Julien Trudeau is caddying for me now. Yeah, this is the first week. In Japan I had a fill-in, Jeff Willett. This is kind of the first week and it's been nice so



far.

#### Q. And what went in to that switch?

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** I just felt like I had just not really a great year and I was kind of looking to just -- something fresh. It's no fun doing that. My old caddie and I were really close and it's a tough decision to make. Yeah, so it just kind of felt like that was something I needed. Yeah, so that's where we are.

### Q. Saw family's with you this week. Are you having any fun outside of the course?

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Yeah, yeah, we've been in the pool pretty much every day over at the Hard Rock. It's been nice to have them here and just kind of share this with them and have some fun. Out of school for the week for my oldest, so he's having a blast. I'm sure this afternoon we'll do the same.

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