

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
November 16, 2023

ERIC COLE (-6)



Q. Overall thoughts on the day and what you felt like went well?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, no, it was a good day, scored well and kind of stayed somewhat patient, stayed relatively patient with a lot going on, so it was good.

Q. What are the goals this week? What do you feel like you're playing for or are you just playing an event because you play a lot of them?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, no, any tournament I come to I try and be prepared and play as well as I can. You know, I got my fiancee and her parents here and my mom here, so just trying to have a good week and we'll see where the weekend goes.

Q. You talked about the world ranking on Tuesday. I'm curious, do you follow it up or how did you kind of get informed that you were near that threshold?

ERIC COLE: I just kind of keep an eye on it here and there. I had some people text me that I was in the top-50 in the world so looked it up. Yeah, just kind of there's a lot of downtime in golf, so in between rounds, take a peak at it.

Q. Have you always been a guy that made a lot of birdies?

ERIC COLE: I would like to think so, yeah. I don't know, I think I tend to play pretty aggressively, so I make a decent amount of birdies and then I'm just trying to not make too many bogeys.

Q. Any birdies stick out in today's round?

ERIC COLE: I hit a loose drive on probably 14 or 15 and had to wedge it over the trees and hit it close to a back pin, so that was kind of a bonus birdie, I'd say.

Q. Curious, who's your swing coach?

ERIC COLE: I kind of do it on my own. If I'm ever too lost, I ask my mom or my dad, but kind of just me.

Q. And from your time teaching, did that help you kind of then teach yourself or fix yourself on the course?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, maybe a little bit. I try and keep it super simple so the less I'm thinking

about my golf swing, the better. If something is wrong, then I try and get it ironed out as much as possible when a tournament comes around.

Q. When you were growing up, did your mom have the Rookie of the Year trophy in the house? Is that something --

ERIC COLE: That's a good question. I'm not sure. I don't remember seeing it or I don't even know what it looks like. I'm sure she has it, but I don't know where it is. It wasn't on display or anything like that.

Q. Do you have any history at this place?

ERIC COLE: No. I played this tournament last year and this is my second year here, so that's it.