

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES

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MACKENZIE HUGHES (-25)



Q. Mack, so great weekend, good battle. Just how are the emotions of how the weekend played out and how you played?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, it's hard to sit here and be disappointed. I mean, a small part of you is, obviously like you want the win and that's kind of what we play for on Sunday when you're that close, but to shoot 60-63 Saturday, Sunday, you lose to 61-61, I don't know, I have to feel pretty good about things. I feel as though it's one of those tournaments where you finish up and you feel like you didn't lose the tournament, you just got beat. Yeah, just got beat this week. Hats off to Ludvig, he played unbelievable golf.

Q. You still had to find your spot in the Next 10, now you know you'll play Pebble and Genesis. What does it mean to you?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, those are some of my favorite venues on Tour, so that's very exciting and happy to have, yeah, achieved that. More than anything, kind of happy to see momentum in my game and see something building towards more or less what I expect of myself. This was like a great step for me and a nice way to finish the year off.

Q. What's your plan for the next few weeks?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: I'll be up in New York this week for Thanksgiving with my wife's family and then yeah, kind of just laying low for a while. Probably put the clubs down for a couple weeks, just kind of take stock in the year and make some plans for the offseason and be back on the west coast here before I know it.

Q. Where in New York?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Fredonia. Actually, my wife and her friend and her brother and his wife are at the Bills game today and that's where I actually was planning to be this week and I decided to come here and play. So I'm still excited to get to a Bills game here shortly, but yeah, coming here this week was obviously a pretty good decision for me.

Q. What are you most proud of from your season?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Just kind of the resiliency. You know, I wouldn't say -- certainly the results have been tough, but playing professional golf is not tough in a real world sense. But definitely results-wise this year was a bit tough and to see some positive there at the end of the year with Mexico and here has me feeling pretty good going into next year.

Q. Seeing Ludvig's game up close, what impresses you about his and what level of star power does he possess?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, I think sky's the limit. He's kind of the modern day player. I mean, No. 5 is probably the true example of that or the prime example of that, just I'm playing left of that bunker and he flies it on the green and two-putts for birdie. So super impressive shot to not only hit it long but to hit that straight. Yeah, he's got the whole package. Got a good demeanor, doesn't get too up or down. I'm sure we're going to see a lot of him for the next few years.

Q. What changed your mind about coming here?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Well, honestly, like the fall -- I mean, prior to Memphis, I was like if I make it to BMW, I was probably only going to play a couple times in the fall. Then when I missed and finished 51st, I kind of put together a fall that was somewhat normal to what I would play typically and that included RSM.

But I kind of thought to myself, if I'm in a really good spot or I play really well up to RSM, I might skip there and kind of shut down early. But it's hard to ignore that I played pretty good here over the years and this is proof this is a pretty good place for me. I was happy I came. But yeah, it's nice to see just a good, kind of a good result and just momentum for myself going into next year.

Q. What does it mean (inaudible)?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, no, I was telling Kevin that those are two of my favorite venues on Tour, Pebble and Riv. So to have my spot in those fields, yeah. My goal is to play my way into all those events, so getting the first couple is a big step. Yeah, I'll work hard to make sure I'm in the rest of them, too.