

ROUND 4 QUOTES
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MACKENZIE HUGHES (-5)



Q. Mackenzie, 5 under par, the round of the day so far, excellent play. If we can get some comments on your final round.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, it was a great day. I mean, I didn't have the best of starts, I was 1 over through two, but kind of knew that, you know, some of those holes were playing tough so tried to kind of stay patient. I made two nice putts on back-to-back holes on 4 and 5 and that kind of kickstarted my round. I knew it was going to play tough today, but I was kind of on a bit of a roll. I tried to keep the pedal down and keep making birdies. It was just a really fun day. You don't get many rounds like this at Quail Hollow and yeah, going to take a ton of confidence from it.

Q. And today's round, sort of a snapshot of the whole week, too. Not a great start on Thursday, 2 over par but played really well the rest of the way. Just recap the week for us.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, I walked off 18 on Thursday really frustrated with my day, felt like I played pretty good, didn't get much out of it. I got a bit better every day not just score wise but like mentally, better focus, better clarity the last few rounds.

My goal today was just to be better than I was yesterday, and not from a score standpoint but just the way I'm thinking, the way I'm going about my business. I did a really nice job of that today, so I was really proud of that.

Q. And how much does that mean, too, to have that positive outlook playing really well this weekend heading to Valhalla next week?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, always nice to be playing well going into a major. I haven't had a ton of success at the PGA necessarily, made a couple cuts, but I haven't really contended there. I have my game trending in the right direction and obviously we'll go there with a nice boost.

Q. Nice round also with it being Mother's Day. Just talk a little bit about what your mom means to you and assuming she was probably watching today?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, my mom, she was working till about 4:00, so I'm not sure what time it is now but she's probably just about done work, and she was probably watching on her phone the whole day. She's been one of my biggest supporters since day one. I was telling Amanda just now I wouldn't be where I am without all the sacrifices she made to allow me to play and chase my dream. So owe a lot to her, and her love and support means



everything. And then my wife and my mother-in-law as well, have them both here today. It was a very special day and nice to be with them.

