

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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MACKENZIE HUGHES (-7)



Q. Mackenzie, characterize your round today. Last year you tied for 30th, coming back and having the first round lead so far.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, it was a great day. I felt like I was maybe a tad bit off early with my swing and kind of -- made a nice up-and-down to keep my round going early. Kind of found a bit of a rhythm with my swing kind of seven, eight holes in and started to swing it a little better, and the putter was cooperating nicely today. It was a fun day on the greens.

Q. When do you know it's going to cooperate with you?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: I guess you don't really -- you don't know how long it's going to last for, but certainly I knew in the first kind of three or four holes that I had something nice going with the putter. At that point it was just a matter had of making sure I gave myself as many looks as possible and got the ball on the green and let the putter do the work.

It was a really fun day, you don't get those days super often when the hole starts looking pretty big. So that was, like I said, a lot of fun and I'll try and do it again tomorrow.

Q. Do you get any idea warming up or you don't know until you get out there?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: No, not really. Warming up I feel like you don't get a sense for that because it's so different practice versus on the course. So I could make all my putts in practice and go out there and not make anything on the course. Kind of felt like I made a putt on 2 early, kind of got me going and I think just seeing one go in early just kind of seems to free you up a little bit.

Q. Do you come into a tournament like this knowing you've got to score low right away?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Yeah, I mean, you know the scores typically are quite good here. Yeah, you have that mindset I guess early on that when you have the opportunities, you've got to be aggressive. When you've got 10-, 15-, 20-footers, you're trying to make them. So yeah, it's a bit of a different mindset, I guess, than where we just were at The Open last week. So a bit of a mindset shift and try to be a bit more aggressive.

