

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTE
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RICO HOEY



Q. Well, you definitely didn't make it easy on yourself coming back there. I watched your reaction, there was so much emotion in that. How good do you feel right now?

RICO HOEY: I feel great. I mean, I'm in a position where it's like you've got to go win and hopefully get into next week. If not, I'm sitting on my couch watching these guys. So it feels so good to make that putt. It was a tough putt. Made it a lot harder, the second one, but I'm glad I made it and we're looking forward now.

Q. And tell me what you came back to this morning. What did you have left and how did you work your way through this morning?

RICO HOEY: Yeah, so I started on the par 3, hole 7, and it was like 215 to the pin. I hit it short of the green and had like an 80-footer. I rammed that by and three-putted. I was like, oh, my God. Last night I couldn't sleep. I was like I just really want to play the weekend.

The next hole, hit a good drive and had like 100 yards to the green. That almost went in, I hit the flagstick, so it was a tap-in birdie, so I was like, this is very eventful.

Then got to the last and hit it seven feet above the hole. Yeah, my caddie told me just tap it, it's like the fastest putt, and he wasn't kidding. I felt like I tapped it and it went by to like 10 feet. Just couldn't really feel my hands, I was shaking so much. Just kind of trusted the stroke and luckily it went in.

Q. And I'll ask you the same question I just asked Luke: With this, the weather, the stopping, the starting, the pressure, the not sleeping, the probably not eating well, all that stuff, what have you kind of learned about yourself this week? Anything?

RICO HOEY: You know, for me, like, I was telling like the PT guys, for most of week through Friday I was sleeping in throughout the whole week because we had a late tee time and late start. This was like the only day where we really had to go back to the hotel like 10:00 and wake up at 4:00. It was a quick turnaround, but I feel I was pretty well rested. It is what it is, but I'm just glad we're getting to play some golf and we'll see what happens.

Q. When was the last time you did 36 holes or close to 36 holes?

RICO HOEY: It was probably sectionals, U.S. Open sectionals. Yeah, I'll get my stride on today, get my steps on and maybe lose some weight while we're at it. I'm looking forward to that.

