

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
**September 12, 2024**

**MARTIN LAIRD (-6)**

**PROCORE**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

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**Q. Good playing, Martin. Can you kind of take us through the round a little bit? Looked like you had a pretty hot streak there, six birdies in seven holes.**

**MARTIN LAIRD:** Yeah, I made a terrible bogey my first hole, missed the green with my 9-iron and missed a short-ish putt.

I had one of the luckiest breaks I had in a long time on my second hole. I kind of block cut my 6-iron into the par 3 and I thought it was going in the water and it hit one of the rocks on the wall and bounced 30 feet in the air and stayed up and finished in the fairway short of the green and I got up and down for par.

Honestly, that could have been the whole tournament in terms of you start bogey, potentially double bogey, it's hard to battle back from. I said to my caddie walking off the green that, you know, when you got a break like that you want to take advantage of it, so let's see what we can do.

Then it was kind of crazy then, I reeled off five birdies in a row, hit some really nice shots there the first few holes and then made a couple nice putts. Made a nice long putt on 16, which is always nice to see. Then birdied 18 to, like you say, make six out of seven. Those streaks don't happen often, so when they do they're a lot of fun.

From then on I didn't play great the front nine after that, I didn't hit enough fairways and was kind of out of position on holes but managed to kind of get myself around and a couple nice up-and-downs and shoot 1 under on that side and end up with a good score.

**Q. You're not used to playing to keep your card. You've obviously won out on the PGA TOUR. What's that like and what did you see today that hasn't really been there this year?**

**MARTIN LAIRD:** Yeah, you know, I know I don't really have time now to not play well in terms of there's seven events I'm going to play. I know I've got -- I know it might only take one or two good weeks, but it's not like I can build into it, I've got to get going.

I took a nice break when we had the month off. I needed to get away from golf, I was very frustrated with my game, especially the last couple months. I played pretty good early in the year, I had a couple top-10s and then all through the summer I just played terrible. So I need to kind of hit the reset button, didn't touch the clubs for two and a half weeks. Then I started practicing hard last week. My coach came out to Denver and worked with me at home, felt like we got some good stuff done. I came in here with a little better attitude than maybe I had

in the summer.

This is one of my favorite courses of the year. I played pretty well here over the years and a lot of the holes set up really nice for me I feel like, so I was looking forward to getting here and just trying to stay a little more positive because this summer it was hard with the way it was playing.

**Q. Your who is your coach and where are you living now?**

**MARTIN LAIRD:** I live in Denver. So my coach, Mark McCann, he came out for three, four days end of last week as opposed to doing work here. We said let's get it done at home and then I can come in here and kind of be ready to go. I felt like I did a pretty good job of that and came in feeling my game was in good shape.

Yeah, like I said, that second hole was a huge hole because if that ball goes in the water, who knows what I shoot today, but it didn't and I took advantage of it, so I'm really pleased with that.

**Q. How long have you lived in Denver?**

**MARTIN LAIRD:** Four and a half years now.

**Q. OK. I love it there.**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, it's great.