

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**MACKENZIE HUGHES (-7)**



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**Q. Nice round. I think we've got to ask about the hole-out on No. 4 there.**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Yeah, that was really nice, a nice bonus. I give a lot of credit to my caddie there, I was kind of in between clubs and he put the right one in my hands. It's funny, I had to hit kind of a little bit of a draw around the tree and when I first hit it I thought I had pulled it slightly and then obviously it kind of came down. I thought that looks pretty good, it's coming back towards the hole. At that point you can hear the crowd, looks like it's going to go in, but you never know. Then it drops. Yeah, those are fun. Yeah, I don't remember the last time I holed a shot like that.

**Q. What was the club?**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Pitching wedge. I had 152.

**Q. And you guys were obviously the Presidents Cup trio out there.**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Yeah.

**Q. Did that ever come up at any point in what you guys talked about?**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Oh, yeah. I mean, we were kind of -- we had a good time out there. I think it was funny, on the first hole Corey went to two feet and I said hey, if you're my partner that's kind of the length of putt I like so just make sure you hit it close like that for me.

And on No. 4 I holed it and he goes, just so you know this is the kind of putt I like right here, so keep that in mind. So it definitely came out and we had some fun out there. Corey played great today, so it was kind of nice to buoy off of his energy out there.

**Q. Was it one of those days where you guys just feed off each other?**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Yeah, I think so. Corey definitely got it going early and then kept it going. I was kind of trying to keep pace. My round started pretty slowly and then birdied 1 and eagled 4 and I kind of picked up some steam. I didn't really make a ton of putts and I felt like I left some opportunities out there, but yeah, seeing Corey play the way he was, I was kind of like hey, let's keep the pedal down.

**Q. Do you know Min Woo very well?**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** I didn't really know him very well up until Montreal when we were

there last week. Then playing with him the last couple days and sharing a few dinners, I've gotten to know him quite a bit better. Really fun guy to be around and he'll be great on that team next week.

**Q. What are your impressions of his game? He led for a lot of his round today.**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Yeah, his driver is such an unbelievable weapon, it's a joke. He hit it so far and so straight so many times today. Got a bit unfortunate on No. 8, his ball hit a tree right of the fairway and kicked out of bounds. But he drives it so nice, so long, so yeah, his game is really impressive to watch.

**Q. What was the different in the putting today?**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** You know what, I just felt like, I mean, I feel like these greens give you some funky little putts and some funky looks. No. 14 for example, I had like a 15-footer that probably broke six feet. But I just haven't quite had my speed on the greens. I felt like from Wednesday even to yesterday the greens were a little faster than what we practiced on so I'm still adjusting to that. Yeah, hopefully this weekend I can kind of see a few go in and get it going.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** I'd say so far mission accomplished. My goal is to kind of get yourself in the mix, that's the best way to kind of get yourself tournament ready, battle tested is to be in contention. Hopefully I'm only three back by the end of the day. Yeah, being in the mix this weekend is kind of what the goal was.

Obviously you could say that maybe I felt like I had to validate my pick in some way, which that crossed my mind for a brief moment, but I really don't think I have to do that. I think my pick was earned and playing well this week was more so just to get ready for next week and not really having to prove myself of being on that team.