

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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ERIC COLE (-9)



Q. First group of the day off in the morning, what are we seeing out there for the second round?

ERIC COLE: I think the scoring's going to be pretty easy scoring conditions for the most part. The greens are really good and not a ton of wind so I think there will be some low scores, probably some good shots out there.

Q. What's the key to navigating around this course, sticking with the fairways?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I think you've got to hit it straight. Being in the fairway helps, but really you've just got to keep it out of the trees because there are some narrow corridors. Even if you're a little bit in the rough it's not going to kill you, but yeah, definitely hitting fairways and making sure you're missing it in the right spot coming into the greens.

Q. Playing quite a bit this fall, where are you feeling most comfortable in your game or what are you trying to find?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I've been working on a few things and just trying to take it from the driving range and practice rounds to the tournaments. It's little harder to do in the tournaments, but so far so good and I'm just trying to keep doing what I'm doing.

Q. Are you more results focused or is that kind of nice to see things working on translating in a round?

ERIC COLE: A little bit of both. It's nice to see some shots come off the way I'm trying to hit 'em. When you're in a tournament it's always a little different for whatever reason, so it's nice to get that feedback from being out there in the tournament and kind of being in the lead, so so far so good.

Q. Any good food exploring you've gotten to do this week?

ERIC COLE: Haven't really gone out too much. Going into Narita tonight. There's a really good steak place in there that we went to last year so we're going to try that again tonight.

Q. Can you explain to us about the last bogey? Was it a miscalculation?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I was kind of in between clubs and so tried to hit a hard 5-iron and just didn't quite have enough to cover that bunker. Then it being so close to covering, it was plugged in the lip so not a whole lot you could do from there. I kind of gave myself a decent

putt. But yeah, not the way you want to finish the day, but it's all good.

Q. The Japanese fans really love your mom.

ERIC COLE: Oh, thank you.

Q. She used to be called the fairy of the green.

ERIC COLE: Oh, nice.

Q. Do you want to talk to us about what your mom's doing right now?

ERIC COLE: Say again?

Q. What your mom's doing right now?

ERIC COLE: She's back in Florida, she lives in Ponte Vedre. She teaches there and she's told me a lot of great things about Japan. Last year being my first time, it was kind of cool to hear some of the things -- some of the great things that she had to say from her trips here, so it was kind of cool to share that with her.

Q. Is she going to ever come back to Japan?

ERIC COLE: I don't know, that's a good question. I think she would love to come back, but this year didn't work so maybe next year it's on the schedule, we'll see.

Q. Can you tell us anything about any episodes about your mom, her and your golf?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, sure. I played a lot with my mom growing up. Traveled with her a lot on the LPGA as well. I'm from a big family, but I'm the second oldest so when the other brothers and sisters were in daycare, I got to go out and watch my mom play on the LPGA Tour. Kind of saw what it was like and I think that's a big reason why I tried to pursue professional golf myself, so definitely a great connection there.