

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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LUKE CLANTON (-11)



Q. Luke, good to see you back on the PGA TOUR, picking right back up where you left off. Just thoughts on how you kept it rolling today and you gave yourself a chance going into tomorrow?

LUKE CLANTON: Yeah, it was good. A lot of opportunities out there today. I played great, just made some really dumb mistakes coming down the stretch. I think that's just kind of from experience and kind of feeling that pressure again. I think to get myself another opportunity out here to win again is amazing, but my eyes are just set on the man above right now and just staying with him and staying as calm as I can and understanding it's a blessing to be out here.

Q. What's the biggest thing you've learned in your previous times contending that you want to make sure you do tomorrow?

LUKE CLANTON: To slow down, for sure. I think we all get that picture in our mind of holding the trophy up, but realize that all these guys are really good and no matter what happens, just go out and play the best I can. I think tomorrow's going to be a fun day. A lot of guys up there in contention, so it will be fun.

Q. What's your familiarity and comfort level and friendship level with Thor, because I assume you guys have played a bit?

LUKE CLANTON: Yeah, we've played a bunch, for sure. He's a good dude as well. He's just, he's a great player, too. He played really well today, he just missed a few putts coming down the stretch, but he's been playing awesome. And again, like I've known him for a while so it's fun to be out there and compete against him.

Q. You hit a drive on the par 5, I think it was 15, it was pretty far down there. Was that one of the best or maybe the best of the day?

LUKE CLANTON: Well, Michael told me on 14 -- I told him on the tee shot that I thought I outdrove him and he outdrove by 20 yards, so I put a little more on the 15 one just to make sure I got him. Yeah, it was good. Again, I think I hit it really well out there, just made a few mistakes. Just ready for tomorrow.

Q. How do you think you handled the last semester? Obviously coming off of a summer where your star kind of blossomed and now you're back in college golf, how do you feel like you handled that fall?



LUKE CLANTON: Yeah, it was good. I think, like I said, I love being on the team, I love playing at Florida State. Those guys are always next to me and by me and making sure I'm playing as good as I can and push me as much as I can. I think in the fall I was definitely a little bit tired for sure, but I pushed through with the team because I love the team. And also to get about a week and a half off before this event was nice. I'm just ready for tomorrow.

Q. Did you get bigger at all since the summer?

LUKE CLANTON: I put on 12 pounds. I lost a lot of weight through the summer, as you could tell probably, from traveling and probably not eating right. Going back to college and eating good and putting on a little weight was nice.

Q. You put on 12 pounds since you got back on campus in August?

LUKE CLANTON: Yeah.

Q. Doing what?

LUKE CLANTON: Pretty easy, just eating a lot of food. Me and my teammate Todd we were trying to bulk up, just eating a ton of food and just working out a lot, so it's been good.

Q. (No microphone.)

LUKE CLANTON: No, definitely not. It's all muscle, for sure.

Q. What's the go-to meal?

LUKE CLANTON: Dude, I've been doing this protein shake that's been pretty nuts back home, probably 1,200-calorie protein shake and also Smoothie King.

Q. Is there one shot today that stands out to you, good or bad, that was crucial?

LUKE CLANTON: I just hit a lot of good golf shots today and also hit some subpar shots, but it was good all day. I think I stayed pretty level out there today, I didn't really get too excited, too down on myself. It was a fun day.

Q. If there's one you would like to replay, what would it be?

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Probably chip on 17. I think I was a little dumb to try to get it in there and try to make it, but again, that's just from experiences, so I'm going to take it and use it for tomorrow.

