

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
**January 22, 2025**



**LUDVIG ÅBERG (-9)**

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**Q. Ludvig, really solid start. How would you assess the day?**

**LUDVIG ÅBERG:** Yeah, it was nice. Felt like I was driving the ball really well. Golf becomes a lot easier when you can do that. Even though North is a little bit easier than South, it still presents its challenges and you've still got to hit the shots. Super happy with the way we kind of came out of the gates today and played some good golf.

**Q. On paper this would be a property that really fits your game. Is that how it feels when you go around it?**

**LUDVIG ÅBERG:** I think I like when you hit a lot of drivers and I feel like I did that a lot today and probably going to do the same tomorrow. Any golf course when it looks like this, when you have the views and Torrey Pines is a really, really cool place. Yeah, looking forward to tomorrow.

**Q. Ludvig, now after first round here you've put in a bunch of competitive rounds on two of the tougher walks on Tour. How is the new surgically repaired knee holding up?**

**LUDVIG ÅBERG:** Yeah, it's good. I haven't had any issues since the surgery, so it's really nice. Even though I think Maui was the ultimate test for that, I got some blisters on my feet, that's another story, but the knee was holding up nice. Really looking forward to coming back and playing a lot of tournaments back to back instead of playing one and then two off, playing one and two off. I'm looking forward to a nice stretch of golf.

**Q. Paired with you today was Sahith Theegala, a Ryder Cup hopeful, and Keegan Bradley, who'll be the captain of Team USA. Obviously you're a Ryder Cup vet. Was there any banter there about the Ryder Cup potentially today or saving that for tomorrow?**

**LUDVIG ÅBERG:** Well, I wouldn't call myself a vet, but it was definitely -- it was cool. Keegan is a nice player, it's fun to play with him. Him and his caddie were having a good time. Sahith is obviously a really good player, too. No real chirping going back and forth today. Maybe that will come closer to Bethpage.

**Q. Anything else? We talked about your chipping kind of pre-tournament, some of the stuff you did this offseason. Other than getting healthy, any other offseason priorities that you were working on?**



**LUDVIG ÄBERG:** No. To be fair, I feel like I'm in a pretty good spot in terms of the way I was swinging it. At this point I'm not really trying to reinvent anything.

There's always things you're trying to improve on, especially with the way I was hitting my driver towards the end of last year and early in the fall, I wasn't super pleased with it. So couple things to do, but overall it was nice to see that today kind of going in an upward trajectory. Hopefully we can keep that up because it will be important on these golf courses coming up.

**Q. Knowing you have three straight days of the South course on the horizon, how do you kind of assess that and build off what you did on North?**

**LUDVIG ÄBERG:** Yeah, I love it. I love big boy golf courses. It's my favorite type of golf to play. You've got to hit the shots, execute the shots, hit the fairways, hit the greens. I like my chances when it looks like that, so looking forward to three more days of it.

**Q. Is that a big advantage to play that course three straight times going into the week?**

**LUDVIG ÄBERG:** Yeah, there is a little bit of adjustment to the green speeds and things like that. Right after I'll have lunch today, I'll go back and do some speed on the greens just to go back to the South course greens because they are a little bit different. Overall, even though North is a little easier, there's still some challenges and you've still got to play really good golf.

