

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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HAYDEN SPRINGER (-7)

Q. Hayden, started off the day with an eagle and you shoot a 7-under 65 on the North course. Just talk us through the round.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: Yeah, it was pretty solid overall. Really nice to start with an eagle and then birdied 11 as well. You can't ask for a better start than to be 3 under through two.

Kind of got me off to a good start, feeling good. We just kind of played solid. And really I tried to keep it on the correct side all day and we did a really good job of that.

Q. Take us through just what the week has been like since you found out that you were going to be -- since Nicolai pulled out and you found out you had an in to the tournament here?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: Yeah, it's hard to know what tournaments I was going to get into. We were kind of looking at it and it was looking like I'd be in here, so I was sort of planning to be here.

But yeah, I mean, for right now it's nice to get a start and to be able to play. I had gone out to Palm Springs last week and was first alternate. It's nice to be here and to get a start.

Q. Played the North course today, the South course obviously tomorrow. Just thinking of last year when you had your first start here, what are you going to be doing tonight to prepare yourself for the South course?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: Yeah, I mean, the South is maybe a little more challenging overall, so it's kind of the same mindset. You've got to miss it on the right sides.

We're just going to try to plan to figure out where those spots are and then just be patient. That's the biggest thing out there. You can make some birdies, but you can also make some mistakes. Just trying to be patient and put it in the right spots.

Q. Hayden, how difficult is it to ride that edge of like being in or being out pretty much every week in your situation? Last year you didn't have that, this year you have that a little bit to start the season. How difficult is that?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: Well, I don't like it. I don't like being first alternate, I want to play.

Q. How do you manage that?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: I really don't know because I haven't been in this position to where I'm, you know, an alternate early in the week or the week before. So I'm going to kind of have to figure that out as we go this year and see kind of how that goes.

You know, I think it's -- I'm going to try to be as ready as possible to take advantage of the starts that I do get. At the end of the day, if I can play well, that should open up some more opportunities for me as well.

Q. What were you most happy with today and was there a highlight for you out there that stands out?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: I putted really well. I made a couple -- made a couple sort of longer ones that are kind of bonuses. That probably stands out. Just solid on the greens.