

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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LUDVIG ÅBERG (-4)

Q. Ludvig, good playing. Can you take us through the illness, and you came out here and you got off to a good start at the Farmers and had the illness come up and obviously it affected you at Pebble Beach as well. Where are you in terms of, 100 percent and what did you do to get to 100 percent?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, it was rough for a while. It started -- Round 1 was fine, Round 2 was fine and I sort of woke up in the middle of the night, I guess this must have been Friday night because we started Wednesday, going into the third round and I started throwing up and I started all these things and it wasn't very enjoyable.

And then it sort of was OK for a couple days and then at Pebble it kind of shifted to like feverish and almost like body aches and shivering. First I was really hot, then I got really cold.

Lost about eight pounds total in two days, so that's not the right way to lose weight.

It was nice to get a week off last week and sort of just eat as much as I could to get back to training as normal, working out is normal. I'm still trying to build the weight up a little bit, I'm not quite where I started say Wednesday at Farmers. Probably got a couple pounds left to gain but getting there.

Q. Was it just the flu or --

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I don't know. If I knew, I would tell you. My first initial reaction was food poisoning because it was sort of the timeline made sense, but then it sort of shifted to the fever. I don't know. All I know is it wasn't enjoyable and I'm glad I'm over it.

Q. Where did you spend last week?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: At home in Florida.

Q. What are you eating to --

LUDVIG ÅBERG: As much as I can. I try to eat -- well, the funny thing is I had chicken the night that I started throwing up, so chicken was sort of tough to eat at first, so I was eating a lot of beef, a lot of steaks, a lot of fish. Getting there.

Q. Were you eager to get back here?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I was. Ever since the news broke that we were going to come back here, I was thrilled. I love this place, I think it's one of the best golf courses that we play. Yesterday was tough but today was a lot more normal Torrey Pines days I think with the west wind and the sunny skies. Really pleased to be here again.

Q. Still a little bit breezy. Can you think of an example of a club you hit today compared with yesterday on like 5 or --

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, I guess -- I mean, 5 I was sort of in the rough, I hit a 9-iron, yesterday I hit a 5. I guess -- I mean 18 was so much downwind that we hit driver, 4-iron over the green, today I hit driver, 3-wood just short. There was a big difference with the change of direction and then sort of the strength of it. But today was the normal west wind, which I think you expect to get here. It was nice to get a good round in.

Q. You talked about this briefly over there, but what is it that you like about this place other than --

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I just really like fair golf courses that are tough. Torrey Pines is right in front of you, you sort of know what to do. Your fairway's right here and it's still hard. The greens are, they're small, but if you're in the fairway you can be quite aggressive. Thick rough. It's just a good golf course. It's challenging but it's also very fair.

Q. Do you feel it's a little more to your advantage in conditions like today?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, I mean, we were talking about it a little bit. Sort of a day like yesterday it's so hard that no one's really going to hit every green or every fairway so it becomes more of a scrambling/putting party whereas today you can shoot a low score. If you're hitting the ball well and hitting the fairways, you can be more aggressive into the greens. Felt like I handled it well today and looking forward to a nice weekend.

Q. What did you see on 18 once you were in the bunker? What were you looking at?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, we sort of knew if you get a good lie in that left bunker it's sort of a makeable shot. Obviously anytime you make a shot off the green it's a bonus. All I tried to do was get it somewhat close and make a birdie. It was nice to see it go in. I have a little bet with my caddie, Joe, to see how many hole-outs we can do this year, so that was one for the count.

Q. What's the number?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I'm at four. So we're doing through Hilton Head and I need to get to seven, so I've got a couple more.

Q. What happens if you don't?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I lose money to Joe, so I don't want to do that.

Q. And he pays you if you do it?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, a little bit.

Q. When you see names like Scottie and Rory on the board with you or just ahead of you, does it make you more excited for the weekend?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, I think at this point we all expect them to be there. We know they're both playing very well. And it doesn't really change the way that I try to go about my business, but yeah, obviously when those guys are at their best it's hard to beat, but it's also very encouraging to sort of try to keep up, I guess. Yeah, we'll see. We've got a nice weekend of golf ahead of us and we'll see what we can do.