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ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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MARK GOETZ (-8)

Q. Mark, 8 under today, maybe not the way you wanted to finish but still a really solid round out there. I guess what's been working well for you out here?

MARK GOETZ: I feel like we've been playing a little bit better than our scores. I've been driving it really well this year, and I think on the greens we've been really solid. Over the course of the beginning of this year, really just trying to stay patient throughout weeks. We've had a couple good weeks kind of messed up by small stretches here and there. Yeah, I think I've played a lot better than some of my scores.

Q. Starting today too you got off to that quick start, 4 under through your first four. I guess did that just set the tone for the rest of your round?

MARK GOETZ: Yeah, pretty much. Yeah, I mean, we hit -- we really didn't get out of position on those four holes. I think we hit 1, 2 and then 4 fairway. Hit driver on 4 and got it pretty far down there, which I think we hit 9-iron into the par 5 so that was good. Yeah, just kind of kept it in front of me. Made a couple putts. My proximity on those four holes was pretty good.

Q. You're kind of one of the outlier scores here, a lot of the morning wave had the rain to deal with but you have one of the lower scores. What was kind of the course playing like that maybe some of the people were putting up higher scores over here?

MARK GOETZ: Yeah, I think the surfaces over there are probably a little bit better, a little bit more consistent. I think speed wise they play about the same. I think in the rain this place can play really long in some stretches, which that would be probably my guess, maybe not. Maybe some putts that are kind of falling off their lines, that would be my guess.

We got pretty fortunate for sure. I know those guys had to play pretty much in the pouring rain this morning.

Q. And kind of going back to what you said about your results maybe not matching with your game, what do you kind of think is the reason for that and just why it hasn't been matching to kind of how you feel you've been playing?

MARK GOETZ: That's a really good question. I would say it's a little bit of short game. I know I've spent quite a bit of time working on that aspect throughout some of these weeks

and on my time off. I think management wise, probably just staying a little bit patient. We haven't played par 5s really well, and I've kind of been obsessed over making some mistakes. So just trying to put most of that behind me and just honestly move forward, just like deal with the task at hand. I know that sounds like third grade level, but that's been a big help as of recent, for sure.

Q. Do you think any of that maybe patience comes from starting the year as a conditional member and, you know, making cuts and taking advantage of those starts kind of puts a little bit more pressure at the beginning of the year?

MARK GOETZ: Yeah, for sure. That was kind of the hand that I dealt myself after kind of the way I played in the playoffs last year. Yeah, I think, I mean, that's part of it. I don't think there's any denying anybody that would be sort of in my category and some that are in sort of the same place on the priority list, but I feel like every week we've probably gotten a little bit better grasp on how to sort of deal with that and kind of move forward. It definitely took some time, for sure.

Q. And where do you feel like you're just at now in the season? Do you feel kind of still that pressure of where you've been or --

MARK GOETZ: That's a good question. Having some off weeks here and there I think has shed a little bit of that added pressure. We definitely went into Argentina and Chile knowing that was sort of the hand I dealt myself.

I think some off weeks back home have helped kind of ease part of that. I know in the back of my mind we got next week off, too and I'm going to see some of my buddies that have been traveling quite a bit, playing Challenge Tour and kind of all over the place, so spending some time at home and thinking about that definitely helps.

Q. And going into tomorrow going back over to Thornblade, what do you think is going to be kind of the game plan over there and maybe how it was different over here today?

MARK GOETZ: I think we hit a few less drivers over there, but for me, I mean, nothing really changes as far as like game plan goes. I thought we controlled distance really well today especially on some of the par 3s. Honestly, just get a good night's rest, kind of roll into it tomorrow. Nothing too major.