

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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MILES RUSSELL (E)



Q. Miles, obviously talk about your day. What went right for you, what did you kind of learn about the course and how did you see your game play out here today?

MILES RUSSELL: The golf course is great, it's tough. It was kind of just I missed the fairway there on 10 and just got back in position, hit a decent wedge shot. The wedges were pretty good today other than hit a few that were just terrible. Just these fairways are a little difficult I think to get the contact and start line right. But rolled it nicely there until the end, too.

Q. I know that hole 8 was kind of a struggle out there. Kind of talk about what your mindset was there and what are those adjustments going to look like whether it's hole 8 or any of the others you feel you need to address tomorrow?

MILES RUSSELL: Yeah, our plan was just to hit kind of a 4-iron, wedge and make an easy par hopefully, but just didn't hit a very good 4-iron and just kind of shoved it out there to the left, just had a terrible lie and kind of hacked it out, didn't come out the way we were thinking, just into more just tall grass. Hit actually I thought a pretty decent shot from there because I could hardly see the golf ball, and just two-putted, which it was fine. It was all set up by the tee shot.

Q. Your group, you guys were fairly effective across the board today. Does that kind of help push you and motivate you to almost have a direct comparison right next to you as well?

MILES RUSSELL: Yeah, I think for a little while there we were all within 2 or 3. They both played great. It's fun to watch good golf like that, too. And then I think that just, I mean, it's a lot easier to play good golf to decent golf when you're playing with good golf.

Q. Miles, for you to be in these kind of competitions, and you've heard a lot about your age but to really step up and that maturity level, where does that come from?

MILES RUSSELL: I don't know. I think a lot of it goes back to my personality. I just, at home I like the game, it's fun, don't get too high and don't get too low and just enjoy it.

Q. Just what would it mean to make the cut this weekend and what do you think that you can do if you play well tomorrow?

MILES RUSSELL: Really just got to focus on tomorrow, control what I can control, enjoy it, embrace it. I think if you do that, you'll end up playing well and maybe make the cut, maybe



you don't. But to play on the weekend, haven't played on a weekend in a Tour event, that would be pretty special.

Q. Miles, just out of curiosity, growing up was there one or two golfers maybe that you looked up to and are they still in the game as well? Kind of talk about that.

MILES RUSSELL: Yeah, I mean, when I was little I liked Rickie a lot, liked Spieth. Phil, Phil was a lefty when I was little, I was like, oh, I can be like that guy with just the way we hit the golf ball, hitting it from the same side.

Really liked Rickie probably. Rickie was probably my favorite when I was little. I wore the orange. Yeah, honestly, I liked everybody.

