

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**MARK HUBBARD (-11)**



**Q. I guess you found a little bit different scoring conditions morning and afternoon, although you played well yesterday afternoon, so can you talk a little bit about the differences?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah. I think it was less about the morning and afternoon, more about the winds coming out of a little different direction today, out of the north. I think that might make the course play just a touch harder.

I just thought the pin locations were a lot more difficult today both to get to and to putt to. I think that was the biggest difference.

**Q. I was looking at your stats for this year and everything. Seems like maybe when you got to Byron Nelson that you went through a little bit of a rough spot and after Byron Nelson you've been cashing checks pretty consistently and everything. Is there something you've been doing differently or something that changed in your game?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, I felt like I played pretty good the entire season, I just don't feel like I've gotten a ton out of my game as much as I'd like.

I will say I feel like I've putted better the second half, so that usually helps with your scoring. So I would attribute it to that.

Yeah, it's kind of been a weird year. I feel like my game's been good, I just haven't gotten a lot out of it.

**Q. At what point does strategy fall away to maybe more aggressive play on your half because at this point you're looking at the leaderboard and saying, jeez, I've got to put up some numbers to get in contention and then you do it.**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah.

**Q. So where's the balance between strategy and aggression?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, I'm not a big leaderboard watcher. I'll glance every now and then, I don't try and avoid it, especially if one of my friends is playing well too, I'll glance to see how they're doing. For me, I won't really change much until maybe the last couple holes coming in. Let's say we're going to play well tomorrow and be in contention on Sunday; 14, 15 I'd start kind of looking and see, hey, what do I need to do, especially 15 being a par 5, seeing how aggressive I can be into that green. Really probably won't be till then, which will



be, what, 67th hole.

**Q. If you can maintain these conditions and the scoring conditions especially, what does that change in your approach to the weekend?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, I mean, it looks like there's a possibility of some weather this afternoon, so that might soften it up. It's going to be a little bit colder the next couple days, so that's going to be both amazing but interesting to see how the course will change. It's in pretty immaculate shape right now, so I don't know that much is going to change, I think it's kind of just going to stay perfect. I don't think it'll get a lot firmer but it's going to stay fast. And yeah, just try and keep the ball below the hole as much as I can.

**Q. Last question, what happens after this weekend? Where are you headed, what do you want to do and what are you going to do?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, I mean, win or second I'm going to Memphis to sweat even more there. If not, I've got close to a month off, which will be amazing. I just moved in February so I haven't really been home much, so it will be great to enjoy home. We're in like the Lake Tahoe/Reno area, so I'll be at the lake a bunch and go on hikes with my kids and just being outdoors. Yeah, both are great.

**Q. But if you have to travel a little bit more for golf, you won't be too upset?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** They'll understand, they'll understand for sure.

**Q. Is a week like this more pressure or more -- do you feel more freedom that you can just -- you've got to play well?**

**MARK HUBBARD:** Yeah, yeah. I think, you know, it depends on where you are. I think if I needed like a top-20 or just to make the cut, I feel like that's a lot of pressure because you're really thinking about the numbers whereas the position I'm in, it's basically win or go home. So I'm just trying to make as many birdies as humanly possible and see where I end up. For me, I have felt less pressure this week than I have in the past at this tournament, so it's kind of been nice.

