

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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TOM HOGE (-5)

Q. Tom, how would you kind of assess the day?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, nice day for me, especially for the way that I felt my game was kind of coming into this. Struggled the last few weeks, I even struggled the last few days out here. Kind of just went back to a few of the feels I would say that have kind of got me through in the past.

I hit a really nice iron shot into 18, that was my ninth hole. Felt like things clicked a little bit more there. Hopefully keep that going.

Q. Is that sometimes all it can take is one swing and you feel the feels come back, and then you kind of can maybe roll a little bit?

TOM HOGE: It's the hardest part about golf. It feels so far off and in reality it's probably not. More so just got to get out of your own way and go do it. I made a couple nice putts and that always helps, too. Kind of free you up, go from there.

For me, felt like the greens are some bigger targets here this week. So I hit 17 greens I think today, and relatively stress free. It's never stress free in golf, but felt a little bit easier.

Q. What maybe have been some of the struggles you had the last few weeks and, as you said, the last couple days?

TOM HOGE: Honestly, it's just felt like my iron games been pretty poor this year so far. It's normally a strength of mine. So freaks you out a little bit, I guess, when you feel like you're standing in the fairway, you should have some good birdie opportunities and you're just struggling to hit some greens at times.

Just trying to be patient out here today so far. And scores were a little bit higher today. It played pretty tough with the wind out there. It's going to be a battle the next few days.

Q. Did you see some tougher holes locations as well? A few players have kind of mentioned there's a few --

TOM HOGE: There's some good pins. I felt like it's playing really long as well. Didn't seem like the fairways are rolling out at all and it's already a long golf course to begin with. So hitting some longer irons into some of these greens, even some woods into some par-4s, and it's a good challenge.

