

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
July 16, 2026



AUSTIN ECKROAT (-6)

Q. Austin, great day today, 6-under 66. Just talk about what was working for you out there.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, everything was going pretty good. I've been struggling with the driver a little bit, so it was kind of nice to get on the golf course with the -- you know, not that it's not as important, but the fairways are pretty wide out here so I felt comfortable. Yeah, everything felt really good.

Q. You finished fifth here last time you played back in 2023.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yep.

Q. What have you learned about this course and what do you think suits your game?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, I think it's a really difficult second shot golf course. Like I said, the driving's not the most -- you know, it's pretty wide, but the second shot's really good. I think that's the strength of my game. I think it plays to my strengths for sure with that.

Q. A couple weeks left in the season, you're sitting just outside the top-100. How important is it to get a good result here this week?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, it's huge. We were over in Scotland last week and trying to qualify for the British Open, but when we saw we were going to be here, we said, well, someone's got to win it. Yeah, huge going into the rest of the season, a lot of points available, good momentum. A lot of good things going.

Q. Done early today. What's the plan for the rest of the day?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, done early today. It's going to get hot out there. My sniffles, I'm going to try to get rid of those. Yeah, just take it easy for the rest of the day.

