

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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ROBERT KARLSSON (-6)



Q. Robert, nice playing today. Just take us through what was working out there.

ROBERT KARLSSON: This course is a little bit quirky, old school, very difficult greens, so when you put yourself out of position, which you will do a few times out here, my putter saved myself nicely. Yeah, that's the key to a good round. It's good.

Q. What do you feel like on courses that kind of play with elevation like this? I know the wind kind of kicked up there for a bit so --

ROBERT KARLSSON: Yeah, it was tricky at times. I mean, we have some of these courses in Europe. I played quite a lot of this so it's not too bad. You have to kind of work around it. It puts another dimension to it, so if you can get it right, it (inaudible.)

Q. What did you think about the atmosphere out there, a really good crowd?

ROBERT KARLSSON: It's good. Yeah, yeah, it's great to be at a new event. They've done a great job. The course is in really, really good condition. Michael Block said these are the best fairways he's played all year. He hasn't played that many events, but I will agree with him the course is in really good condition. Yeah, it's nice to play.

Q. Does this remind you of a place back home?

ROBERT KARLSSON: Not like that, but Switzerland we play, they have altitude as well but there's a lot of shots where it's like 22 downhill, 20 uphill, hanging lies and all that sort of thing. (inaudible.)

Q. Did you see this round coming? Have you been --

ROBERT KARLSSON: I played better last week, last two weeks has been good. It hasn't shown, but last week in Pebble it kind of clicked and I got especially the mental thing working a bit better, being more patient out there when things went wrong, just take it one at a time, so yeah.

Q. Before the round, 6 under, you would take that and sit there and wait?

ROBERT KARLSSON: Yeah, you always do on most courses. Definitely, yeah.

