

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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MAC MEISSNER (-6)



Q. Opening round highlighted by your back nine 30. Walk me through also that eagle.

MAC MEISSNER: Yeah, it was good. I hit it great on the front -- on my front nine, the back nine as well. It's just tougher and not as many birdie opportunities on that side. Yeah, front's kind of the side you look to get after a little bit more. There's two par 5s and a couple short par 4s.

Par 5 on the back, I hit a good drive down there and had like 197 yards I think and hit a 7-iron to like seven feet and made it. Had a couple really good looks as well, had about a same length eagle putt on the next par 5 and lipped it out.

Hit the ball great. I've been hitting it well, I've been driving it well. Putter's been pretty cold to start the fall. Just trying to stay patient. It's tough, golf is hard and you feel like you can be doing a lot of good stuff and it doesn't go your way.

Q. What's it like when you're working on these types of things to have it translate in a round?

MAC MEISSNER: Yeah, it feels good. I've certainly been pretty frustrated the last two or three weeks since playing pretty well to end the year and then not playing great the final events and missing the last two cuts, it's been pretty frustrating.

I feel like my game has gotten a lot better this year. It's just a matter for me of just trying to stay aggressive. I think there's times where I get a little bit complacent with certain shots or opportunities where I feel like I'm in a pretty good position. Trying to, you know, kind of conserve that position. So just trying to use this fall as an opportunity to hopefully put myself in position a little bit more and get more comfortable with that.

Q. You mentioned the patience and the frustration. How different was it for you whatever clicked after the first eight holes, you made that first birdie --

MAC MEISSNER: Yeah, for sure. It was a lot of the same. From the last two weeks, it's been a lot of pretty good ball-striking and not a lot of putts going in and that's kind of how it was the first eight holes as well.

Yeah, I think it was just a matter of understanding that at some point it is going to change. I've made a lot of good improvements with my putting the last year and trusting the work that I've put in. Also, not trying too hard to make putts but just kind of letting it happen is pretty important as well.