

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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HAYDEN SPRINGER (-6)



Q. Great start in Round 1 here. I'm going to steal his line of questioning out there, take me through those last four holes. Obviously not an easy stretch that you did really well on.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: It's definitely not an easy stretch. Birdie on 15 was kind of a bonus making a long putt there. Then kind of have to just get through 16, and then 17's gettable being downwind and was able to make birdie, good up-and-down there. And 18's another bonus birdie, just happened to hit a good shot, used the slope and just bring it back maybe five or six feet.

Q. You talk out here about taking things one thing at a time and things will work out. You come obviously with a lot of things going on. How was the mindset coming in. I guess it didn't rattle you too much starting the way you did.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: Yeah, it's been good. I feel like I've had to learn a lot this year and kind of go with some good and some bad and kind of take it one week at a time and try and figure it out. I'm just trying to do the same thing, it's just take this week and we'll see what happens. But yeah, try not to think too much about it and just go play golf.

Q. Are you good at that? Are you good at being able to kind of control your thoughts and just let the job take care of itself?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: Yeah, I think I'm fairly good at just kind of just trying not to think too much about it and just go play golf. I mean, yeah, that's really all that I can do.

Q. Good work out there today. Describe the challenge of playing in this wind.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: It's definitely challenging. I mean, some of those holes that are kind of cross like off the right and a little bit into, I mean, the ball's curving quite a bit. Then into the wind, just judging that as well. I feel like the downwind holes are probably the easiest to judge at least and you get shorter shots. Yeah, it definitely was challenging out there.

Q. Where does this round rank in some of the windiest that you've played in your career?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: Well, fortunately I've gotten to play in a lot of wind. It's definitely up there, though. At this time of the year and to be able to play well here in this wind, it's definitely up there.



Q. It's been a bit of an up and down fall for you, but obviously Mexico was a step in the right direction. What has kind of continued for you here from Mexico?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: I started to hit it pretty good in Mexico, so I kind of -- I've tried to just take that into here. I think that's the main thing. Actually, I didn't putt well in Mexico. I hit it pretty good. Then today I kind of figured out the putting I think a little bit, so I was able to kind of put 'em together.

Q. Being at 125 on the list right now for FedExCup points, how much of a relief is a big first round like this as you try to not only go win this golf tournament but also looking to next year?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: Yeah, it's nice to get off to a good start. I mean, that's where you want to be, you want to play well every day. I mean, I think I need it as much as anybody, so it's definitely nice to do that and hopefully it will continue all week.

Q. You led after the first round at John Deere as well, that's your first 18-hole lead on the PGA TOUR. What did you learn from that experience that's going to help you today or tomorrow?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: I mean, just trying to stay patient and not -- and really not think too much about it. There's so much golf left, so it's easy to kind of get ahead of yourself. That's really the main thing I kind of learned at John Deere. I got a little rattled on the back nine, I guess my back nine on Friday I started to kind of think about it and where I was positioned. I think that's the biggest thing is just don't think too much about it and play golf.

Q. Hayden, that's not the easiest finishing stretch, 15 through 18, but you played them in 3 under to post 6 under for the round. You're smiling right now. Walk me through those last four holes.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: It was good. No. 15 is tough and I made like a 30-footer, so that's kind of a bonus. You don't expect to do that very often, so it was nice to get that. Kind of just get through 16. 17's gettable, a downwind par 5, so made a good up-and-down there. Then 18's kind of the same as 15, straight back into that wind and I hit a really good shot in there.

Q. Curious as to your mindset coming into this week, tail end of a long rookie season, the wind's going to be swirling, the weather's going to be variable. How do you approach this week in Bermuda?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: Just one shot at a time. I mean, I've got -- I mean, yeah, it's really just one shot at a time and take it for what it is. You know, you don't really think about the past and don't think about the future, it will all work out.

Q. Sometimes the simplest messages are the most powerful. I imagine it's your first time here in Bermuda?



HAYDEN SPRINGER: Yep, first time.

Q. Have you had any chance to explore the island when you got in early in the week? What have you thought of it so far?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: I haven't done much exploring. We've had dinner out in town by the hotel a couple nights, but it's nice. It's a little colder than I expected it to be, but otherwise it's been good.

