

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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LUCAS GLOVER (-7)



Q. Lucas, couldn't ask for a better start, I don't think you missed an iron off the sweet spot today, I thought you absolutely flagged it out there.

LUCAS GLOVER: Yeah, I hit it nice. Kind of a slow start, I had a bunch of ops early and didn't cash in on a few of them. But I made four in a row to close the back, birdied 1 for five in a row. Kind of got in a little lull, had a bunch of more birdie putts, didn't make anything, no bogeys. Hit a bunch of fairways, hit a bunch of greens and made some, so that was a good start.

Q. It's opening day in baseball. How many birdies do you have to make in a row to start getting the no-hitter treatment out there? Five in a row, it was starting to get pretty interesting.

LUCAS GLOVER: Yeah, I had good opportunities on 2 and 3 to keep it going but just didn't do it. No, it's good.

Q. I know putting has always been something you're always working on, I was really impressed to watch your commitment and the speed to that stroke. How has that work progressed to get to where you're so comfortable over the ball?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yeah, made a brief routine adjustment Saturday afternoon at Bay Hill and took it into Sunday and putted as confidently as I've putted in a long time, and then brought it this week. Basically just cut out my practice stroke, so walk in, look once, bang, and it seems to free me up a little bit. Whether that will continue to be the case, I don't know. It feels good right now.

Q. Obviously there's a big ballpark today, not a lot of wind early. How gettable was it, and did you know that number was sort of out there, and it could have obviously been better with a couple of short ones out there?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yeah, no, it was. With the ball in our hand, if you hit it in the fairway you get a perfect lie. And if you miss some greens and you can get your hand on it, you're going to be able to get it up and down a bunch. There's going to be a ton of low scores and ball's going to go a little further this afternoon and there will be a bunch of good ones.

Q. With Lucas Glover, who was able to take advantage of soft conditions for Round No. 1. How did you put together such a nice round?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yeah, a little bit of a slow start but I was hitting them in the fairway, was

hitting them pretty close, just wasn't making anything. Got hot there closing the back nine, carried it onto the front, another little lull. I actually missed some ones I should have made, but closed strong, birdied 7, 8, and kind of burnt the edge there on 9. But focus on the ones I made, not the ones that could have been to go into tomorrow. I played nice, I was very pleased.

Q. You only missed two fairways, hit 17 out of 18 greens. For the fans at home, describe what it's like inside the ropes when your ball-striking is so dialed in.

LUCAS GLOVER: It's good, it's good. It's almost kind of point and click. When you're stroking it well, you can pick a good target and just fire it at it. Soft fairways, soft greens, so that's an advantage.

Q. Obviously you got it going out there a little bit. How's that feeling?

LUCAS GLOVER: It was good, it was good. It was a little bit of a slow start, probably should have made a couple early but didn't. Birdied 15, 16, 17, 18 and 1 making the turn starting on the back, so always good to get a good streak like that. Then another little lull where I thought I could have made a few more, and then birdied 7 and 8 coming in. Good feeling. I played great, hit it nice, no boges, and there's going to be a bunch of low scores so it's going to be a dogfight all week.

Q. Did you kind of feel like these conditions presented that opportunity for everybody?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yeah, anytime it's soft where we've got the ball in our hand and the greens are perfect, there's going to be some low scores, tons of birdies, and that's what we had today.

Q. How good do you usually feel on this course?

LUCAS GLOVER: Good, I like it here. Yeah, I like it here. I've had some success and then not, but that's every tournament, I guess, when you've been out here for 15 years. But I do, I like it. I've got good vibes around here.

Q. Did you feel like once you got it going, you were going to be able to keep it going?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yeah, I did, because I was hitting it nice. Even the holes early on where I didn't make birdies, I was hitting good shots. So I was just trying to stay patient and knew I would make some eventually.

Q. Knowing these conditions, how do you go into tomorrow thinking I've got to do it again?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yeah, probably, probably. Might be a little different tomorrow, might

have some tougher conditions, probably won't play it up, might have some mud balls, but you've got to be patient and take that as it comes.

Q. Preferred lies, does it almost shift like a mental part in your head?

LUCAS GLOVER: Yeah, you hit it in the fairway, feel like you can hit it up around some of the greens on the par 5s. You always want a good lie to hit a pitch or a 40-yard pitch shot or something that you might not regularly do. And then there's so many runoffs here for pitching and chipping around the greens, if you get in one you get a perfect lie, so it helps. So yeah, it's a comforting thing, but first and foremost you've got to get it in the fairway to take advantage of it.