

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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LUCAS HERBERT (-15)



Q. Lucas, congratulations. To get your first win, so special, but to do it on a day that we'll never forget, to survive this day as a winner has to feel really special.

LUCAS HERBERT: Yeah, it wasn't looking like the best day on the planet there on the 8th walking off the tee when we were all like huddled under umbrellas on the ground because I don't think I've ever seen any sort of weather or rain or whatever you want to call that coming in, that was brutal. Yeah, to survive all that, I'm very proud.

Q. But you kept your mind kind of in a "just do what you've got to do" sort of place. You emerged from that, found a way to get it up and down from over there right of the green and just kind of spirited you forward from a mental standpoint for the rest of the round.

LUCAS HERBERT: Yeah, I felt like I grinded really well early and I had the right attitude going into the day that it wasn't going to be easy. Obviously on the range it was -- I don't think we even hit drivers on the range because just couldn't hit it, it was just pointless, so you just knew it was going to be one of those days where you had to battle really, really hard. Under par was going to be a great score. I couldn't go and expect to finish at 20 under par or anything like that, you just had to grind through. Yeah, there was going to be some holes where it was going to die down a little bit and give you a chance, just had to kind of take your chances on those when you did get them.

Q. It was going to be a day where a putt was probably going to be the big difference. When you look back on it, 12 or 14, which one of those really kind of catapulted you forward the most?

LUCAS HERBERT: Interesting, I felt like 12 was almost the end of a little struggle patch there, like just couldn't quite judge the wind correctly on a couple shots and just didn't quite -- would have liked to make a birdie in there and just didn't. Obviously dropped one on 9 and then holed that one on 12 and it just felt like it got me back on track and back into the game.

Then was funny, like we've holed an obscene amount of putts from outside 25 feet this week and got over that one on 14, just went like, this is my range, I've holed so many, this is my range. It was just like the whole way, it's just like that's not missing. Yeah, obviously caught the ledge and got in there, but I felt confident before I even hit the putt.

Q. Yeah, side door, up-grain, against the wind and still found a way to get in. What did you lean on down the stretch? You had to hit a tough shot out of the bunker there

on 16. Step up and hit the shot you did on 18 and really to have a go at it, a crank at it on 17, what did you lean on to get yourself across the finish line?

LUCAS HERBERT: Yeah, I mean, this finishing stretch kind of played into my hands a little bit. I felt like probably the strengths of my game, like the longer game, whether it be long irons or 3-woods, drivers off tee, I felt like that really played in my wheelhouse. So I just tried to really stay positive with the swings.

Didn't want to try -- like it's really tough to keep your mind from jumping too far ahead and thinking, you know, what are you going to say in the winner's speech or what's the photo going to look like with the trophy. I had to make sure that I kept myself in check, there's still a tournament to be played. Obviously Danny was making a real run there and even when he hit it left on the last, I said to my caddie, we're going to expect him to hole that, we've got to make ours. I just tried to keep myself really present, not let myself get too far ahead. Once I was able to get over that putt with two putts to win on the last, it was kind of, that was a bit of fun.