



**MACKENZIE HUGHES (-9)**

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**Q. Mackenzie, another very strong opening round here at the RSM for you. When you see conditions like this, barely a breath of wind, beautiful weather, do you feel like you kind of need to go low? And also, how would you kind of assess the round today?**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Yeah, I saw the forecast today and then the next few days and kind of thought that this was going to be a day that a score was to be had. You know, you never know you're going to shoot 9 under, but was definitely trying to be a bit more aggressive with my mindset today. Just one of those days where I had a lot of things working really well. Yeah, could have been -- as a golfer you always walk off saying, wow, it could have been really low. It was one of those days where it could have been very, very low, but I'm very thrilled with the start.

**Q. What is it about these two golf courses that seem to really fit your eye?**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** You know, it's been a bit hot and cold here. I've had obviously the very hot and I've had a few missed cuts here, too. The weather can be a big factor and kind of which golf course you get on which day in the wind. I felt like I've played okay here over the years and I've always felt good. It was nice to see a nice low score to start. I love coming to Sea Island and it will always be one of my favorite stops on Tour.

**Q. We're coming to the end of a long season. How would you kind of assess where you are kind of overall as the season has kind of gone along, where your game is right now?**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** Yeah, game feels pretty good. I've gotten off to an okay start this year. The goal is to put myself in position to win more tournaments. Feel like I've been fairly steady over the last number of months, but that next step is to contend a bit more and get myself in the mix more often. This is a good start and hopefully keep it going the rest of the week.

**Q. What do you feel like you have to do more consistently to put yourself in that position to win more?**

**MACKENZIE HUGHES:** It's like really small things. When I look at some of my tournaments that I've already played this fall, you're looking at one shot a day, whether it's a five footer or an up-and-down somewhere, but you're just talking the smallest of small things, because if you could save that one shot instead of finishing 20th, now maybe you're in 6th or 7th, maybe you have an outside chance to win.

For me, I'm not looking at anything really too specific, but I'm just trying to be a little better every day. I feel like I have a good grasp of my game right now and yeah, just trying to get a tiny bit better every day and hopefully over the long haul that adds up to some wins.