

MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTA

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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ERIC COLE (-6)

Q. Eric, nice playing. How would you assess that round today?

ERIC COLE: It was good. Bogeyed 10, which wasn't the best start but it was a hard hole, and after that just played really solid and hit my irons really well. We got nine holes of a lot -- of not a lot of wind which made it pretty scorable.

Q. Have you had any experience playing in Mexico?

ERIC COLE: I played Mayakoba, yeah. I finished maybe like top 30 or something at Mayakoba. And Paspalum, we have a little bit of that in Florida, so kind of feels a little familiar.

Q. Is there something that you did today or a particular hole that stood out to you that was a bit of a highlight of the round?

ERIC COLE: I hit my irons really well so I didn't really get myself out of position much as far as like coming into the greens, I kind of had simple chips on the reachable holes. But I had a really good par save on the par-3 on the front, maybe 5. I hit a bad iron shot, plugged in the left bunker and hit a good bunker shot up there to maybe like 15 feet or something and rolled that in, so that was kind of nice to keep some momentum going and not make another bogey.

Q. I believe you have a different caddie on the bag this week. Is it a friend or teammate?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, he is a really good friend of mine, he plays, too. My normal caddie is at his brother's wedding in Charleston so getting the week off. Yeah, no, we're staying right here and this is a good spot to have a good friend down here with you.

Q. What's his name?

ERIC COLE: Hunter.

