

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE
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LEE HODGES (-8)



Q. Bogey-free round, what did you like about it today?

LEE HODGES: Yeah, everything. I thought me and my caddie did a really good job today of picking targets and picking the clubs that we wanted. Really committed to every shot out there, hit a lot of really good ones.

Q. In your position, as she mentioned, three missed cuts in the last four starts, you feel like you really haven't changed anything. What just seemed to click today? Was it just getting off to a fast start, found yourself some rhythm?

LEE HODGES: Yeah, I mean, I've been getting off to some poor starts, which I wish I knew why, I'd fix it if I knew. Yeah, today was great. To see that wedge shot go to an inch on the first hole and then make that 40-footer on the second hole, I was like, all right, here we go, might as well make a lot of birdies if we're gonna make a couple.

Q. You're not a rookie out here, but this is a position you haven't been in a lot in your career. What does it feel like to look at the leaderboard and see your name up there? I know it's still Thursday, but what's it like when you see that?

LEE HODGES: I mean, it's cool, but like you said, if I don't do it the next three days, it doesn't mean anything. Just a great day today, I'll take it for what it is and we'll get out there tomorrow and try to do it again.

Q. You mentioned picking good shots. This is a place where water comes in on a majority of holes, and it really is. A lot of guys talk about staying in the fairway. What about this place suits your eye that you played so well?

LEE HODGES: I would say it's a ball-striker's course, like getting in the fairways and hitting it on the greens. It's soft out there so you can really attack, like there was a ton of pitch marks right around the holes today because guys were really throwing it at the flag. It should firm up, I would imagine, but yeah, the whole golf course is a ball-striker's course. And I think I hit it pretty nice, so I'll take my chances around here.

