

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE
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LEE HODGES (-15)



Q. Another really good round for you, bogey free both days. Just kind of what's been working today and, you know, through both days as well?

LEE HODGES: Same thing as yesterday. I've got a great attitude out there. Me and my caddie, we're 70-something on the points list, like what do we have to lose, you know? We've committed to every shot we've hit so far, which has been great. We'll continue to do it, because what do we have to lose.

Q. Some guys don't want to know where they are, try to block it out. Doesn't seem like that's you. It seems like you're aware of where you're at.

LEE HODGES: Yeah, I know where I'm at, but trying harder or changing what I'm doing's not going to make me play better or anything like that. I'm just going to keep doing what I've been doing and see how it turns out.

Q. Were you hoping to be able to finish there?

LEE HODGES: Yeah, that was an answered prayer. It's pretty dark right now, but it was totally fine playing the last. Yeah, it was nice to get that in.

Q. It's been kind of a little bit inconsistent with cuts, but some top finishes as well when you do make the cut. What have you kind of seen that's maybe attributing to kind of the --

LEE HODGES: Yeah, I mean, at The Open, like I've never played links golf so I'll give myself a little slack on that one. But the previous two, I think I missed by a shot. It's not like I've been way off. I've been playing some really good golf. Me and my whole team have been saying like we're not that far off. It's nice to have made some birdies this week.

Q. Looks like you've gained five and a half shots putting so far.

LEE HODGES: Nice, sweet.

Q. Anything specific working well today or just anything you're seeing that's --

LEE HODGES: Yeah, I've got great speed out there. Me and my coach, Marcus Potter, have been putting a lot of work in. We got this new green reading system that we've been using and it's been great on greens like this where there's a little bit of slope around the cups and you've got to kind of see it in there. It's been working really great for us.



Q. I know you're worried for yourself out there, but Justin makes a clutch putt there, looks like he's gonna make the cut.

LEE HODGES: No doubt.

Q. You gave him a little fist pump.

LEE HODGES: Absolutely, Justin's a great guy. His wife and my wife are really close. Yeah, that was awesome to see that. I was really rooting hard more for him down the stretch than I was myself.

Q. Great round today, Lee. What's the mindset going into the weekend four shots ahead?

LEE HODGES: Just the same thing I've been doing. Obviously it's working, so why change anything. I'm just going to keep committing to every shot I hit and stay aggressive, because guys are going to make a lot of birdies out here so I'm going to have to keep making birdies.

Q. You mentioned a new green reading. Can you kind of take me through what you're doing now?

LEE HODGES: It's Ralph Bauer's system. You just kind of feel the slope in your feet and it's kind of like almost a little bit of math involved, but it's super simple. I have a hard time doing this with the AimPoint because I feel like I'd be off. Just being able to get a quick number like that has been really good. And I've trusted it. I've learned that my feet are pretty good like even since we started, but I've really been trusting it and it's been paying off.

Q. When did you start that?

LEE HODGES: Two months ago maybe, yeah.

