ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTE July 30, 2023

MARTIN LAIRD (-17)



Q. Martin, nice round. It's been a long while coming, a year or two. I just looked at the stats and it looked like your last good finish was at Barracuda about this time last year. What's going on with you?

MARTIN LAIRD: Yeah, obviously very happy with how I played this week. You know, I hit it really nice all four days, didn't really make many putts the first two rounds, and then of course the last two rounds, the hole looked pretty big to me, which is always nice as a golfer. So that was fun to see.

Yeah, this year's been a struggle. I've been trending in the right direction for the last few months. It was pretty bad to start. I had an injury in the winter and started the season with an injury. You can kind of get yourself in a hole when you do that and my swing kind of changed because of it.

In hindsight, probably shouldn't have played the first couple months of the season, but did. I've kind of been trying to get my game back from there, because I finished last season pretty strongly. In October, November was playing nicely and then came back in the winter and really struggled.

So it's been a tough year, I will say that. It's been a battle. You know, in this game when you're struggling, it seems like a long way to get back to where you know you can be. So I'm obviously, I'm very happy with this week. Last week I played great, just didn't make any putts. I played well enough to have a chance last week and didn't make any putts. This week was nice to finally make some putts.

Q. Is there something technical that you did to help you make those putts? Was there a little change in there or anything?

MARTIN LAIRD: A little bit, just a little setup change. I mean, these greens, honestly, these greens are about as good of greens as we putt on all year. This course is in fantastic shape. They do a great job up here at TPC Twin Cities and these greens are incredible.

It's a good week to start feeling your stroke because, I mean, you can almost walk 'em in from about five, six feet out, they're so good. It was a combination of really good greens and kind of found a little thing with my stroke. Like I said, I didn't make much the first two days and then last two days it was really nice.

Q. What's the plan for you going ahead? Are you playing next week?

MARTIN LAIRD: Yeah, playing next week. I always enjoy playing the Wyndham Championship, it's one of my courses I really enjoy playing all year.

Yeah, my plan it to enjoy this tonight, take tomorrow off and be ready to go next week and hopefully keep playing well. Like I said, I've been trending in the right direction for a while now, so if I keep trending from where I finished this week, it could be a fun week next week. So I won't get ahead of myself, but I'm looking forward to going next week already.