

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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ERIC COLE

Q. So you started out, you teed off on 10, four birdies back there. What was the difference between the front and the -- you know, your first nine and your second nine?

ERIC COLE: Not a lot really. The scores were better on the back probably? Yeah, no, not much. I played solid and game felt pretty good and made a few putts. It was nice.

Q. First time at the tournament, what's your impression of this golf course and your experience so far?

ERIC COLE: It's great. Japan's a great country, we're having a blast here. It's a very old-school course, which I like. I played a lot of different but similar courses in Florida layout-wise and it's a really -- it's in great shape and it's just a fun time out here.

Q. You've been playing really well lately. What's been working for you?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, no, the ball-striking's been good, pretty consistent like day to day, so not a lot of crazy shots or anything like that. It's been solid. Then the putter's been good the last, you know, few rounds, so that's been nice.

Q. Obviously a 78-man field here, no cut. Does that take the pressure off a little bit, make it more enjoyable, or does it make you more hungry to climb the leaderboard?

ERIC COLE: I don't know, that's a good question. I'd say it's still a tournament, whether there's a cut or not, you're just trying to shoot as low as you can and hit the best shot, the next one as good as you can. Not a lot changes for me mentality-wise.