

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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ALEX NOREN (-10)



Q. Career low round, 61. How would you assess your round?

ALEX NOREN: Yeah, very happy. I mean, it was quite easy conditions and there's a lot of wedges out there, but I improved the wedges a lot coming from Japan where I struggled with them, so I'm very, very happy. It was great to get a 10 under. It was a long time ago I had like a really low round, you know, lower than maybe 5, 6 under, so I feel good.

Q. What's kind of the motivation when you have a round like this that seems effortless?

ALEX NOREN: Yeah, worked quite hard over the last two weeks at home as well and working on things that me and my coach have worked on just trying to get a bit more fade bias. Tend to hit more greens like that. I maybe hit the driver OK with the draw as well with it turning both ways, but the irons into the greens get -- sort of hit the wrong distances more often, too many gaps and I don't have the distance control. So here today was -- that was pretty much the best I've -- closest I've got to the hole in a very, very long time.

Q. You mentioned you've been working with your coach. Who's your coach?

ALEX NOREN: Matt Belsham. So I tried other coaches, really good coaches, and I got a lot of support. They taught me a lot, but it's just when you've had the same coach for so long, it's hard to whatever they say, even if it's completely correct, it's just nice to have that backup of experience together, what works at certain times and yeah, just trying to see him more.

Q. What's the key to navigating this course, especially when wind is down?

ALEX NOREN: Well, it's obviously nice to play this course with no wind. Even the into-the-wind holes, just like maybe 10-yard of hurt. You know, I'm looking forward to the wind, I like the wind. If it's not windy, it's like you've got to keep these unbelievable low rounds up and it's not that easy. So I like the wind when a 5-under round is great, so I hope for some more wind over the next three days.

Q. Great week in Vegas, good finish. What were the big takeaways from a week like that?

ALEX NOREN: Yeah, it's been a weird year. Really tough mentally in the spring, I had a pretty good fall and played some good tournaments over the winter on the DP World Tour as well. I was very hungry coming into the season, but then very, very tough, you know, spring



and a better summer. It felt great in Vegas, had a chance to win but couldn't do it, but it at least gave me a good setup for next year and just improved my game and then I can get back to the big tournaments.

