

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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LUDVIG ÅBERG (-5)



Q. Is this the first time you've played as a pro somewhere you've competed before?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah.

Q. Any different feeling?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: It's nice. It makes Monday through Wednesday a little bit easier, definitely.

Q. Did that allow you to do anything you haven't been able to do other weeks, something you spent some time working on instead of playing practice rounds?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Not necessarily, but it's just the comfort of kind of knowing what the pins are going to be like, kind of knowing obviously what the holes look like, especially a week like this where we play two golf courses. I think if I didn't -- if I hadn't played here before, it would have been a little bit trickier, but I'm glad I had that experience. I think coming back to a tournament is always easier. I got to experience that a few times in college and I'm looking forward to doing that here as well.

Q. Today just what were the highlights? What was kind of the strength of the day do you feel like?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: It was a long day, first of all. It got kind of nasty at times with the rain and the wind, but I felt like patience wise I did a really good job. It's easy to let the outside distractions kind of bother you, but I feel like I did that pretty well. Then obviously the rain delay for a couple of hours was kind of like long and boring, but did a good job of keeping myself in the now and be ready whenever the restart came.

Q. What's the biggest difference between you now and two years ago when you came here as an amateur?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I think I'm a different player. I think I'm more experienced, I know more about my own game and I know my tendencies a lot better. I would still be able to hit the shots two years ago that I do now, but I just do it more consistently now. You know, I'm better if something's a little bit off, I can come back to it a little bit easier. I think it all comes with experience and I'm sure if you talk to me in two years' time I think I'll probably say similar things.

Q. Then just curious, won in Europe, you were over in Europe after playing the Ryder



Cup. What made you come back and play the PGA TOUR versus finishing the season over there?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I think my main priority is America and the PGA TOUR. It's been that way since I turned pro and I feel like that's what I want to do. I want to come over here, I wanted to improve my status and try to play tournaments and try to get into the big events for next year, so that's what I'm trying to do. I think it's been really nice to come over here to play.

Q. Have you thought at all about Rookie of the Year?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Honestly, no. You know, there's a few things. I've been so focused on playing golf and I've been so up in the moment and just focusing on the next tournament, next practice session that I haven't really focused on things. Obviously this being the last tournament, I think on Monday of next week we might sit down and talk and evaluate certain things, but at the moment I'm just focused on playing here.

Q. Do you know your world ranking?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: It's right around the -- above the 50 bubble, I know.

Q. Do you check that or did someone tell you?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Someone told me. And obviously the 50 mark is kind of a golden threshold and obviously that would be -- it's a huge motivator for me and I try to view it that way, but I'm not -- I'm just fortunate to be here.

Q. Moving away from golf for a quick second, your football club, Liverpool, big match next week versus Man City. You guys are 360 underdogs. How do you feel about the match?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I know. Is it at home?

Q. It's in Man City.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: That makes it tougher. Obviously I have full belief in our team, I think we're gonna do good, but Man City has been too good, and it annoys me a little bit, but I think we'll be fine.

Q. The club's only one point back in the table of Man City.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I know.

Q. So for the Premier League odds to win it, all you guys are the third favorite at plus 600.



LUDVIG ÅBERG: Third favorite?

Q. Arsenal second, Man City first. How do you feel?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I think if we compare ourselves from last year, I think it's a huge improvement. This year it encouraged me because this year Man City looks actually beatable. They didn't look beatable last year obviously winning the Treble and everything. I think this season is going to be quite fun to watch and I'm looking forward to it a lot.

Q. Favorite player on the team?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I like Dominic. I can't pronounce his last name, I can't spell, but he's such a good player and a really good purchase over the summer.

Q. You were way more excited for those questions.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I know, my eyes were just like ...

