

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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ERIC COLE (-10)



Q. Did the new driver from earlier in the week stay in the bag?

ERIC COLE: It did, yeah.

Q. It's been performing well for you?

ERIC COLE: It's been real good. Yeah, no, I actually hit a lot of fairways today and drove it well with the exception of the bad drive I hit on 7, but overall it's been really good.

Q. What's the biggest difference with that club?

ERIC COLE: It's just maybe a touch more forgiving. I'm using one from -- my older one from two or three years ago, so it's just maybe a touch more forgiving and with the technology advancements, it's just a little faster.

Q. In this fall, the really good run you've been on, was there anything different? Did you work on anything after BMW? What's going so well for you in the fall?

ERIC COLE: Not really, I've just been trying to work on the same stuff I've been working on all year. I definitely have been hitting it well, so hopefully just keep that rolling.

Q. You've talked before about little things, try to make everything feel the same every day kind of thing. You get to the golf course the same time every day?

ERIC COLE: I try to.

Q. How many minutes before your tee time is ideal?

ERIC COLE: It depends whether it's morning tee time or afternoon tee time, I do two different things, but in the morning I normally get here about an hour and a half before and then I go to the range normally about an hour and five minute before.

Q. So the goal is tomorrow just like any other day?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, that's the plan. Just keep things as routine as possible.

Q. You didn't really have to play any of the fall events because you were in the top-50 at the end.



ERIC COLE: Yeah, yeah, I guess.

Q. You were just playing to stay sharp and playing them to try and win and have a PGA TOUR victory? I would think this would be a good week for that.

ERIC COLE: Yeah, for sure. Any chance I get to compete on the PGA TOUR is something that I'm thankful and grateful for. It's also exciting to play in a PGA TOUR event. Yeah, I mean, I try not to miss too many opportunities.

Q. Are you tired? Are you looking forward to --

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I'm a little -- I'd say I'm a little tired, but it's just golf so it's not too bad. There's a lot of other worse things to be doing.

Q. Going back to your warmup routine, it sounds like it's very specific. Do you go through a very specific number of clubs and how many balls you hit with each?

ERIC COLE: Not really, no. It's just more just to kind of keep it as routine day to day. Yeah, it's not too precise, but I try and make every round feel like a practice round as much as possible, so that way the environment doesn't get too big or the stage doesn't feel too big.

Q. You seem to be the frontrunner for Rookie of the Year. What would that mean to you?

ERIC COLE: Oh, it would be awesome. Yeah, no, it's something you only get a chance to win once, which is kind of a unique thing in golf. To win that would be incredible.

Q. You are, but did you feel like a rookie this year?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, yeah, I saw a lot of the courses for the first time. Never seen them, never been to some of the cities we went to. Definitely felt like a rookie a little bit from that perspective.

Definitely have a lot more experience than maybe some of the other rookies, which was a nice advantage.

Q. On that note, seeing the course for the second time, a lot of rookies are playing well in this tournament. Do you think that's because a lot of you are seeing the course for the second time, or maybe just a coincidence?

ERIC COLE: I think it definitely could be. It's a tough thing when you're a rookie to come out here and try and get to a new town and a new course and kind of see the way things work at each tournament. It's definitely an advantage to have been here before.

Q. You played so well, you can pick your schedule for next year. So what are you



leaning toward doing? What's your focus on the winter is going to be X and your focus on the spring is going to be Y?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, I haven't thought about it too much. I'm still focused on this week and making sure I'm prepared and stuff for this week. Like people have said, I do like to play a lot, so I probably won't skip too many tournaments starting off in the year and then just kind of see where the year takes me.

Q. Following up on that, 37th start on the PGA TOUR this season. You've established yourself for next year. What is motivating you at this very moment?

ERIC COLE: Well, I like to compete. Like I said, I'm very happy to be playing in any PGA TOUR event, so it's a huge thrill for me. You know, I'm playing well right now, so definitely don't want to skip any. If I continue to play well and kind of get in contention, that's a really fun thing.

Q. What are the keys for you for kind of maintaining energy throughout the whole season and being able to perform well after so many starts?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, just to kind of relax. So when I'm at the course, make sure I'm practicing and being productive and not out here for no reason. Then when I leave the course, make sure I'm getting a lot of rest and make sure I'm ready to go for the next day or the next week or whatever might be.

Q. Anything unique diet-wise or health-wise?

ERIC COLE: Not really. I'm a diabetic, so my diet's a little different than maybe some other people. Yeah, I don't do anything too strange.

Q. You're getting married in December?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, that's right.

Q. Will there be a big celebration?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, it will be great. We're getting married in the Keys, which is like two and a half hours from where we live. Super excited. I have my fiancée and her parents and my mom and my sister and her fiancé out here, so it's nice.

Q. How many weeks will you take off around the wedding?

ERIC COLE: I don't know. We're going on a short honeymoon after, so it's at least a week, let's say.

