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LUDVIG ÅBERG



MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Ludvig Åberg to the interview room here at the Genesis Invitational.

Ludvig, you're making your first start here. Just some opening comments on what it's like to be here and the course.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, obviously first time here, but I was just talking to some people and the golf course is so cool because it's very, very simple and it's very straightforward, but still very difficult.

I love these old-school properties where they don't take up a ton of space, but you get that historic feeling and it's really cool.

MODERATOR: And you're making your fifth start of the season, you're coming off a runner-up finish at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Can we just get some comments and remarks on the start of your season?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah. No, it's been great. Obviously we did some changes, got Joe on the bag this year, which has been unbelievable and he's helped me a ton. Those first couple of tournaments it's always going to be a little bit difficult kind of getting it know each other, but I think it's been great.

Then obviously played Torrey and Pebble and felt like I was playing great. Obviously the weather didn't quite cooperate at Pebble, but hopefully it will be a little better this week, but looking forward to the rest of the season.

Q. Just so -- you've never been here until this week, right?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Correct.

Q. Do you have much experience with kikuyu grass? Obviously played some poa at Pebble.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Not a ton on the kikuyu grass, to be honest. The poa annua I'm pretty used to, we've got that in Sweden and obviously the last couple weeks as well. It's a little bit different, it takes a few different kind of techniques and short game shots, but obviously that's one of the cool things about playing on the PGA TOUR is that you get exposed to so many different grass types and speeds and lengths.



It's really fun for me to kind of experience that and then kind of find my way around them.

Q. How do you approach a golf course you haven't played before in terms of research or preparation in getting to kind of figure out where everything is and how it plays?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, I've got people around me that help me with that. Obviously a lot of these tournaments that I'm playing at the moment are the first time I'm playing it so I haven't really seen the golf courses, which is a challenge: You know, I trust stats guys, I trust my caddie, and they kind of hit it here and hit it there and I'll try to do that.

No, it's been great. Obviously I've seen these golf courses so many times on TV so a few of these holes I kind of know a bit about, but it's pretty cool.

Q. What was it like waiting around at Pebble realizing slowly that you're not going to have a chance to play the final round and win?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, I mean, obviously it was -- we were sitting -- I was with my mom that week. We had a house and we were just north of Carmel and we were kind of sitting in the house and trees were falling all around us. We were almost a little bit like trying to make sure we weren't getting hit by the trees. Obviously, it was quite unfortunate, I felt I was playing pretty well. Obviously the way that Wyndham finished shooting 60, you have to tip your hat to that and good job. A little bit unfortunate, I was looking forward to playing, but it is what it is and hopefully we'll have more of those opportunities in the future.

Q. I've heard some disturbing rumors that you're a Liverpool fan.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah.

Q. As a Liverpool fan you must be pretty excited about Fenway Sports Group coming in. Are you going to use that access to maybe have some say in some transfers?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, maybe. I mean, obviously a couple weeks ago I was pretty devastated when Klopp said he was going to leave, it was one of worst days of my life. Obviously it's pretty cool, they did a tremendous job with Liverpool and I know they'll do the same on the PGA TOUR.

Q. Kind of a more serious question, you are a rookie at a very interesting time for the PGA TOUR. How have you dealt with all the constant shifting what tournaments you're going to be playing in and what the future's going to look like. How have you dealt with all the noise in your brief career so far?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: To be honest, I try not to pay that much attention to it. All of this is still very new to me and I haven't known anything else since I came out here. I actually remember my first day at Canada last year was when they dropped the news of the merger.



I just don't know anything else and I try not to pay that much attention to it. I just try to play golf and then figure it out from there.

Q. When you look at the results, your career as a professional, there hasn't really been that much of a blip, it's been a lot of success. Maybe behind the scenes has there been anything that you've struggled with in particular turning pro?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I mean, I think you're always going to have small struggles whether what level you play at. Obviously there's a lot to get used to playing on the PGA TOUR compared to college. I think the amount of golf that you play is a little bit different, you play a lot more golf here. It took some time for me to get used to that. You don't really have the time to spend hours on the range and you get a little bit more efficient with your practice and your play.

I think that was probably the thing that I wouldn't necessarily I struggled with, but it took some time to get used to.

No, I think obviously it's been great, I love it. I wouldn't want to have it any other way.

Q. Has there been anything in the last six months or so that you've been a pro that has really surprised you?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I was very fortunate to be able to play a few of these events before I turned pro. I felt like I got pretty exposed to it when I was still in school. I wouldn't say there was anything that really, you know, came as a surprise. I think it was just obviously it's so much fun and I love it and I want to do this for a very long time.

MODERATOR: Looks like that's a wrap on questions. Ludvig, appreciate the time and good luck this week.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Thank you.

