

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
February 15, 2024



TOM HOGE (-5)

Q. Tom, pretty flawless round apart from one hole, A. lot of birdies to be made today. Just talk about that round a little bit and the finish in particular.

TOM HOGE: Yeah, I felt like obviously playing early, felt like it was as good of conditions you get out there for scoring, it was softer greens and trying to get off to a good start. You know, 8 was a bit of a hiccup, I was happy to bounce right back with a birdie on 9, hit a good 6-iron into 9, made birdie. But it's a good start. There's a long ways to go here.

Q. Yeah, let's talk about the three birdies to finish first. How good is it to sort of come in with a finish like that?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, I mean, the middle stretch of the back nine is playing so hard, 12 through 15 into the wind, they're kind of the hardest holes out here. So once we got through that I knew with 17, 18 playing downwind you had chances and holed a couple nice putts.

Q. You mentioned 18. Just talk us through what happened there on that hole.

TOM HOGE: Yeah, I just drove it in the right rough and was trying to hit something up anywhere left of the pin really. It came out on the right side, caught the false front, went down and had a tough chip and three-putted from there. A few not very smart shots.

Q. You must have been kind of looking forward to coming here, you played well here last year, but coming in off a couple of really solid weeks. How much were you looking forward to coming here?

TOM HOGE: Yeah, I mean, this is probably my favorite golf course we play all year so I always look forward to coming here kind of regardless of everything else, regardless of the weather, everything. It just so happens we've got a perfect week of weather so far, the golf course is playing as great as I've ever seen it, the greens are rolling nice. Really right there to go shoot a good score.

