

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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Q. Austin, you're in with a 1-over 72 in the opening round. How would you assess that round?

AUSTIN LEMIEUX: I'd say not very well for how I normally play, but it was tough. Tough for me to just hit the shots I need to hit. Just kind of played a little bit too cautious to the greens, and I made a lot of good par putts but when I had my chances for birdie, I just misread them and they just didn't go in. All in all, just put two bad swings on the ball today. Tomorrow, come back and see if we can hopefully be better and put some better swings on it and make a few more putts.

Q. A couple of nice bounce-backs there, particularly on the front nine. Whenever you made a bogey on the front nine, you birdied the next hole, finished with a birdie on 17. What does that say about your game, if anything?

AUSTIN LEMIEUX: Yeah, I'm normally pretty good at that. That kind of happens often to me, a bogey and then a birdie. I'm pretty good at bouncing back. You know, if I could not make that bogey before that, it would be pretty good. I think it kind of just always jump starts me so I just need to find a way to just be a little bit better on that.

Q. What were the nerves like on the first tee? You said the other day there could be some.

AUSTIN LEMIEUX: Yeah, there were certainly some nerves there, just a little bit of -- a little bit of a swing out to the right. It was fine, ended up making a 5, which all in all I thought I might make a par or have bogey on the first. So in my mind I had that, and then I bounced back with a nice birdie on the second hole. That settled everything down, and then just need to be a little bit sharper.

Q. Played hockey in college as we talked about. How does that compare like starting a golf tournament compared to maybe the puck dropping in a premier game?

AUSTIN LEMIEUX: Yeah, I'd say definitely, I don't know for me personally, easier playing hockey, getting off to a better start. In golf we can have factors like this, wind coming up on a few holes, three in a row and then dying back down. It all changes. You have a little bit, a few more variables here in golf. Yeah, I mean, I'll get better at that in more events, but all in all I felt like it was a pretty good day.

Q. How nice was it to have your mom and dad out there following you today?



AUSTIN LEMIEUX: Yeah, certainly, it's certainly great to have them here. I really appreciate them coming out. Just would have hoped to have done a little bit better, but I know they're proud of me and just going to see what we've got tomorrow.

Q. They say anything to you after you walked off on your opening round on the Tour?

AUSTIN LEMIEUX: No. They just said they were proud of me. Yeah, golf is golf. It was a little bit of a tough day out there, but we'll see what we've got tomorrow.

