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## Martin Laird

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Martin, eagle on the last punctuating a second round 63. How big was that to finish on that note?**

MARTIN LAIRD: Yeah, that was nice. Obviously I wasn't sure I could get that club there. I was just trying to hit out in front of the green and it came out really good and skipped up there to four feet.

That was a nice way finish what was overall a very good day.

**Q. And what point in your round could you tell you were in a groove today, I'm going to be able to go low?**

MARTIN LAIRD: You know, yesterday and today I hit it really well. Yesterday I felt like I left a lot -- you know, missed a bunch of opportunities. Hit a lot of good shots; didn't convert. Some eagle putts that I had pretty good looks at I didn't make.

It was kind of a similar story on my front nine, which was the back nine here. Hit it great, didn't make anything, and then I finally started making some putts on the score shows. That was fun.

**Q. Is there anything you've been working on leading up to this tournament to give you an indication that you were going to put together a start like this through 36?**

MARTIN LAIRD: You know, I played really nicely last week tee to green, of even the week before in the Dominican. I it had the ball great; just putted not great.

I've been working hard on my putting for a couple weeks. Last week was an average week on the greens and had a solid finish, top 30.

I knew coming in if I keep hitting it like that, you know, I like it here. I feel like I know these greens pretty well. I really was just trying to do the same as last week and hopefully



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make some putts, and so far I've being doing that.

**Q. What a great way to end the day. We had you 238 out hitting into the ninth green. Tell me about the eagle.**

MARTIN LAIRD: Yeah, I hit 5-iron and I didn't think I could maybe get it there. But to that pin, if you're five yards short of the green it's a pretty straightforward chip up the green.

We were really just trying to hit it down there front edge just short, and as soon as I hit it I just got it absolutely right out of the screws and I said to my caddie, That's as good as I got. Let's see if it gets there.

It landed perfect, like a yard short, and skipped up to about four feet. It was a nice way to finish for sure.

**Q. I was up at the green. After contact I saw you leaning a little bit. I'm saying, those bunkers are in play. You cleared them by a couple yards and just rolled up perfectly, and you made the putt. I know putting has been big for you the last couple weeks.**

MARTIN LAIRD: Yeah, I've been hitting it great feel like for a while. Been working hard on the putting. It's coming around nicely.

I putted pretty nicely last week. Just didn't make enough in the 15- to 20-footer range. Holed out really nicely, so took a lot the positives out of that. I knew if I kept -- my swing feels great. It's right where I want it. Feel like I'm controlling my ball flight really well, and knew I just needed to make some putts.

Even yesterday. I putted okay yesterday, not great, and had a good round. I said to my coach last night, If I just keep doing this and I get a day when the putts start going in, it could get really good. They finally went in on that back nine today and it was fun.

**Q. Golf never owes anything to anybody, but I was behind 17 green a couple years ago when Jonathan Byrd made the hole in one. Do you ever think of this as unfinished business?**



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MARTIN LAIRD: No, I was fortunate enough to win it before. If that was my only chance to win it and that happened maybe I would be a little more upset.

I mean, what can you do about a hole in one in a playoff? I mean, obviously it might never happen again, walk-off hole-in-one, so I'm a little part of history, and you can't get mad when someone makes a one on you.

**Q. One more. Speaking of that, Bryson and Patrick have dominated this golf course over the last two or three years. Talk about your motivation going into the weekend here at a golf course you've played extremely well in the past as well. How can you use that experience?**

MARTIN LAIRD: Yeah, I feel like it's definitely a course that some local knowledge, you know the greens are allege tricky sometimes with the way they break. I kind of know where to hit it around here and know the holes you judge just play a little more conservative and the holes you can play aggressive.

I needed an exemption to get into this week. I wasn't in this week after having surgery last year, so I was appreciative that he gave me a spot.

I came here wanting to show my appreciation, and obviously the way I've played first two rounds I'm very happy.

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