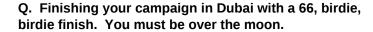
## **Hero Dubai Desert Classic**

Monday, 30 January, 2023 Dubaii, UAE Majlis Course at Emirates Golf Club

## **Lucas Herbert**

**Quick Quotes** 



LUCAS HERBERT: Yeah, I'm happy with that finish. I felt like we were probably almost playing for second going into the day. It's pretty hard to spot Rory five shots and try and chase him down to win a tournament.

Felt like if I could finish second or third, it would be a really good day. So sort of emerged from that pack at 12-, 11-, 10-under, those sort of guys, to emerge from that and finish wherever it does, really pleased with that start to the year.

Q. Seemed like a lot of players seemed to get off to a slow start, I don't know if it was pin positions, but for your game especially seems like when you made the turn, everything came together?

LUCAS HERBERT: Yeah, I think the front nine is probably the harder one here. I think just being a little wet this morning as well it was hard to get spin on the ball and all of the pins sort of to start the day, you kind of needed some spin to get it close. So it was hard to get off to a good start and get it close to those pins.

So yeah, it's not surprising that no one really got off to a flying start. That back nine, still has birdie chances and I was able to take advantage of a few of them.

Q. You came into this week not knowing if you had rust on the swing. There's been a little bit of a break since the Australian Open. How do you feel about your game going forward?

LUCAS HERBERT: Yeah, it's promising signs. It still feels like there's some work to do and I can get better than what I produced this week. So that's exciting. You know, to finish third here in this quality field or second or fourth or wherever it finishes, to do that in sort of quality field, I think it's good signs ahead for 2023.

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