

Ludvig Åberg

Quick Quotes Saturday, April 12, 2025

Q. What was your read on Rory's game the first two rounds?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: It was great. He played very, very good. I've said it before, I think when he plays his best golf, it's hard to catch him. I don't think there's a lot of guys in this world that can catch him when he plays at his best.

We all saw it. Whenever he gets into the mode of playing really well, he's a really good golf player.

Q. What about after those double bogeys; did you notice him rebound a little bit?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, I was impressed how during the second round he started off -- not necessarily slow, but you can just tell that he trusts his game so much that knowing that at any time he can make six birdies in a row, which he can hit it as high as anyone and he can stop it on a dime. He knows that, and he definitely uses that to his advantage.

Q. How would you categorize your play today, and what does it mean for you to be in contention here once again?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: It was nice. It was nice to sort of bounce back. I had a stretch sort of middle round-ish where I got away with a lot of par saves, which at some point it's going to happen, and it was really nice to see those putts go in, and knowing that as long as you stay patient and disciplined you're going to get some chances here and there.

Proud of that, and it was nice to sort of make a couple birdies on the back nine.

Q. You told me yesterday you wanted your distance control to be a little bit tighter. How much improvement did you see today?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: It was better. It was a little bit less windy, as well, so maybe that was a factor. I still felt like I hit it quite nice. I was saying before that I don't mind missing as long as that matches up with what I feel.

If I hit a shot and it feels like it's full right and it is full right, that makes me feel a lot calmer, rather than feeling it full right and then all of a sudden it goes left. That's what I don't like.

Today was an example of that and an example of discipline and patience is what I would say.

Q. What did you learn about yourself last year?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: I think just knowing that I can be in this situation and still play really good golf. I think I teed off in the second or third to last group last year, and it was really cool to feel all the buzz and feel all the excitement and nerves and still able to go out and shoot a good score.

So hopefully we can do that tomorrow again and see where it ends up.

Q. With the names on that leaderboard and the roars of the crowd, what do you think you're going to need to do tomorrow?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Well, if you want to win the tournament, you've got to play really good golf. Obviously Augusta is a cool place because you don't really know what's going to happen, and there is a couple of shots on the back nine that can go either way.

But I can't get too ahead of myself. All I can do is try to stay disciplined, and at some point maybe on the back nine tomorrow we have to put the pedal down a little bit.

But other than that, it's hard to play this golf course any different, and I think that will be my method going into tomorrow, as well.

Q. How did Joe help you on this golf course?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Oh, a ton. Last year I leaned on him a ton. I almost, like, tell me where to hit it and I'll try to hit it there. It's a little bit more ownership this year obviously because of a little bit more experience.

But yeah, he helps a tremendous amount. We started reading a lot of putts together, which paid off today, which was nice.

Yeah, he's just a really nice guy.

Q. Roger Federer had a temper as a young player, Bobby Jones had a temper as a young golfer. Have you always been pretty calm?

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, I wouldn't necessarily get angry, I would just get really bitter and sort of quiet and boring. But my dad didn't like playing golf with me when I was that way, so I learned to enjoy it and be consistent, even though you might not play as well as you want to. I think that stuck with me for a long time, and I think that's how I try to approach golf in general.

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