

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**September 21, 2018**



**DAVID McKENZIE (-7)**

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**Q. Obviously a nice score for you today. What were some of the things that went into that?**

**DAVID McKENZIE:** Well, I made two eagles today, one was a legitimate eagle and the other one was just sort of a gimme eagle, so there's 4 of 7 right there. But no, we got told we're on -- to play faster on No. 16, and so my caddie just said, hit it in the hole so you don't have to putt it, so I just did the what he told me. That was on No. 16.

**Q. Was that a chip-in?**

**DAVID McKENZIE:** Well, pitched in from the fairway from like 116 yards or something. It was a full-on shot in the hole.

**Q. It shows up at the end of the round then?**

**DAVID McKENZIE:** Yeah, that helps. That changes the score a bit.

**Q. Impressions of the golf course today?**

**DAVID McKENZIE:** It's fantastic, the fact that you had so much rain and it could be presented like this. I noticed that you probably couldn't get out and cut the fairways because it's so wet, but it still played really well and the ball bounced more than I anticipated and the greens are absolutely awesome.

**Q. What do you anticipate now that you've got a chance to play a competitive round here, how this tournament is going to go from here?**

**DAVID McKENZIE:** For me or for everybody else? For me, I don't know. For everybody else, the way that I see it going is that depending on what they do with the 14th hole I think it was, probably in all likelihood I would probably have to shoot another 5 under, two 6 unders at the very least to have a chance in my estimation. And then if you hole a couple shots, it makes it much easier to do.

**Q. It must be fun to get off to a good start, though, right off the top?**

**DAVID McKENZIE:** It's much more fun than getting off to a bad start. Two weeks ago I played in Calgary and shot 5 over the first day and was running second to last. I can tell you from experience it's much better being close to second to last on the first tee as opposed to second to last hitting off on Saturday on the 10th tee.

**Q. The regular season's winding down. Do you feel like your game is trending up as the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs begin?**

**DAVID McKENZIE:** Yeah. The last couple days in Calgary I played better and then last week I sort of got a handle on not hitting as many snap hooks left. I've been doing -- had two or three a round of those, so today I only had one on the 9th so I got away with that one. But otherwise, yeah, I hit more better shots than I have recently.

**Q. That has to just build confidence as you build more rounds with --**

**DAVID McKENZIE:** When you're relaxed, you don't spend as much time grinding it on the practice fairway because you feel like your game's there and you're not stressed so much about it, so you take a deep breath and you just go and play and you don't worry about where it's going to go. It's sort of a self-fulfilling prophesy in which case you feel like you're going to do well and you do do well. The game's simple in that regard, but it's never easy.