

**CLIFF KRESGE ( -6)**

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**Q. So far you've got the lowest round of the day, Cliff. Just take us through your thoughts on today and what was working for you.**

**CLIFF KRESGE:** Well, as you know, we started off on a hard, misty rain and it was kind of a challenge just to stay dry and hold onto the club, and I was able to hit a close one on No. 2 and another one on No. 4, then made a sloppy bogey. Then I made a nice shot on that par 3 and made that for birdie, and made a couple solid pars.

But the key to my round was No. 10. I hit a driver and a 3-hybrid on the green and made about a 15-footer for eagle and that really got my round going. And then from there I made a nice putt on, let's see, I can't remember the holes out here, but some short par 4, 13 or 14, and I made that putt. The other one, I knocked it on the green on the par 5 in two, ended up making birdie there to go to 6.

**Q. Weren't you one of the -- I remember -- I don't know if I saw you at breakfast or one of the days in Des Moines, but you weren't necessarily confirmed for Japan.**

**CLIFF KRESGE:** I was actually very -- I didn't get into this tournament until Saturday night, yes, so I'm very fortunate to be here.

**Q. Have you played much here before? Have you been to Japan in the past?**

**CLIFF KRESGE:** I've never been to Japan, first time.

**Q. What are your thoughts just overall so far on the week and the experience being here?**

**CLIFF KRESGE:** I think it's incredible. I mean, these people are perfectionists, so to speak. It's amazing, the culture. The way the course is manicured, the course is just perfect. I mean, the hospitality's been tremendous. Everything's been wonderful.

**Q. Is it cool to think like, you know, you were one of the last people in the field and now here you are with a chance to go chase something tomorrow?**

**CLIFF KRESGE:** That's right, that's right. I feel like I do have the ability to compete at any tournament if I just get in, so starts for me are big and this is a start I didn't expect to get and hopefully I'll take advantage of it tomorrow.