

Big Play

with MARK WOOD



WHO: Lucas Glover

WHAT: Holed 35-yard bunker shot for the winning birdie

WHERE: Par-4 18th at Walt Disney World Magnolia course

WHEN: 72nd hole, Funai Classic

WHY

Though Glover ranked only 185th in sand saves, his hole-out from a greenside bunker was no surprise. Glover has missed the cut in 12 of his 26 starts, but he also has six top 10s, proving that when he plays well, he plays very well. Earlier in the round, he had left a few bunker shots short, but with the title on the line he made an adjustment in his setup and holed the shot of his career—so far.



MARK'S TIP

Be Square on Long Bunker Shots

For most greenside bunker shots, you open the club face to get more lift and less resistance from the sand on impact. But when facing a long bunker shot, such as the one Glover had, you take the same stance (slightly open), maintain the same ball position (slightly forward) and make the same swing, but close the club face to almost square. Make a big swing with a big finish, and the ball should fly farther.

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