

ZACH JOHNSON (-7)

Q. What is it about the course you liked, or your game?

ZACH JOHNSON: I mean, all of the above probably. I do like the golf course. I think it's my third year here in a row now and I grew fond of it the moment I stepped foot here two or three years ago, whatever it was.

Yeah, it was solid, nothing overly special. Just hit quality shots, gave myself a lot of opportunities, had a lot of birdie putts, drove it good. I've been putting a lot of work in. I had five weeks off. I mean, I was putting a lot and, you know, obviously wedges and that kind of thing. Did some good stuff at PXG that is starting to transfer over, so that's encouraging. The support I've had even though I've been playing poorly has been tremendous and it starts with them. So I'm encouraged. I've got a lot of time, a lot of golf left, but it's just one day.

Q. I was going to say, it's almost a year to the date from the last top-10 at RSM. What has the last year been like?

ZACH JOHNSON: Frustrating, very frustrating. I didn't play much, but that's no excuse. Just extremely frustrating because I didn't get much out of being healthy. I feel great, so that's encouraging. Worked hard. I mean, it just hasn't surfaced. Wasn't scoring, that kind of thing. In particular, just wedges and capitalizing on quality shots.

I've changed some mentality I guess you would say. I think I was probably doing more the work of assessment versus improving and just trying to focus on just getting better. I mean, I don't want to say revert back or go back to where I was because you don't want to go back, you want to keep going. The practice I do now is strictly for improvement. I'm just trying to get better every day. You know, I don't know, it's one day. I like the direction I'm going, I like what my coaches, the path they've got me on, and I like what my caddie and I are doing.