

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE

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SAM BENNETT (-7)

Q. Coming off the first missed cut on Tour, to come out right back and shoot a 65, that's got to feel nice to kind of rebound there?

SAM BENNETT: Yeah, it was a good start. I mean, last week I played solid, it was a putting contest and unfortunately I didn't make any putts. So is this week kind of, too. A short course, it's soft, so a lot of wedges. The putter was just the difference today when I was able to finally shoot a good one.

Q. Obviously through PGA TOUR U you got all these sponsor exemptions that you can use up. What is kind of your hope or mindset attacking this latter stretch of the season when you know guys maybe you're trying to catch on points been playing all year long, like how have you been approaching that?

SAM BENNETT: Yeah, I don't know what it's going to take. I haven't really looked into it, I'm just trying to keep playing solid golf. Thankful to be able to get some exemptions and take advantage of those.

No, it's just another week of golf. I don't know how many points I need to get for special temp, anything like that. Just trying to have some fun.

Q. You've been pretty steady in terms of where you've been at on the leaderboards, kind of up in the thick of things. What does it feel like it will take to be there for all four days and to be in this spot going into a final round and convert on it?

SAM BENNETT: Yeah, that's good, good point. Yeah, I've struggled on the weekend a little bit. It's tough to put four good rounds together. I just need some more experience playing the weekends. I've been doing a better job at resting my body. Some of the bad scores on the weekends have been from my body just giving out. Hopefully in the offseason I can do some work to get my legs a little stronger. Yeah, it's great, the experience I'm able to get. Being able to take advantage of the opportunities has been nice.

Q. Has there been anything that's surprised you about being -- has it been maybe kind of out every week, the tiresome nature of it? Anything surprise you about being on Tour?

SAM BENNETT: You've got a lot of time, a lot of spare time. I've got a lot of time today and tomorrow I've got all morning. No, it's just -- no, it is tiring, though. I've learned to just play



nine holes. Usually travel day Monday, nine holes Tuesday, nine holes Wednesday. I'm just taking it light and rest is important.

Q. General thoughts on how the course has been playing today with all the rain this week, and just the layout of the Detroit Golf Club?

SAM BENNETT: Yeah, it's cool. Classic north golf course. Got to tee it in play. It's soft, yeah. If you tee it in the fairway you get a bunch of wedges. If you look at the scores, you've got to make some birdie out here.

Q. Any concerns with the air quality at all?

SAM BENNETT: No, it's been fine. It's a little hazy, but it's no trouble seeing nothing.

