

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE

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CHASE JOHNSON (-2)

Q. Chase, you are The John Shippen National Invitational winner exemption for Rocket Mortgage Classic 2023. Congratulations again.

CHASE JOHNSON: Thank you.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about your round today?

CHASE JOHNSON: Yeah. Kind of like I mentioned in my previous interviews about how I played this past weekend, it was very boring golf and today was kind of the same things, but the putter was just ice cold for about 15 holes. Had a couple little bad shots in between, but kept the patience. Then rounded off three in a row to finish the round to get it back to 2 under, so putter got hot at the right time.

Q. What are you going to do tonight to prepare for the rest of the week?

CHASE JOHNSON: Real quick I'm going to go in here to the putting green and just do my basic checks, make sure the face is square, tempo and everything is good, and go to sleep and get ready to do it all again.

Q. This isn't your first PGA TOUR event, but what did it feel like being out there with PGA TOUR players and really taking your game to the next level?

CHASE JOHNSON: I felt right at home. I felt very comfortable all day. It definitely helps, Gligs and I were members at the same course for two years, so when I had my Korn Ferry status we played a lot of golf together during that COVID break.

And then Tano, we played on Latin in '19, so I had a really fun pairing today and was able to keep the conversation walking down the fairways and stay loose.

Q. What did you find on the back nine? Seemed you really got it going there.

CHASE JOHNSON: I was just staying patient. I know I can make birdies and so if I have three holes left, I know I can make three birdies. Made a nice little four-and-a-half slider on the first hole, a good par save on the second hole. Actually missed a foot-and-a-half putt on 4, but then just stayed patient, kept giving myself birdies chances and finally got a couple of them to go in.



Q. And lastly, quick road trip from home. Wondering if you've got anybody out here cheering you on this week?

CHASE JOHNSON: Oh, yeah, I've got everybody out here. I've got my fiancée, got my parents, cousins, friends. We've got people from all over following this week, so hopefully we can keep putting on a show like those last three holes.

