

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE

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DYLAN WU (-7)

Q. So especially because there doesn't appear to be video evidence of your albatross, can you tell us what you hit off the tee, what you hit on the second shot?

DYLAN WU: Yeah. Yeah, it's the one thing, we were walking up to the green, I'm like I'm pretty sure the camera's not on, so I was like maybe we'll see it.

But yeah, hit driver off the tee down off the left. Luckily the conditions were soft, kind of pushed the drive a little bit and stayed short of that right bunker, which was nice. If it went a couple yards farther, I'd be laying up.

But I think I had 265 pin, maybe 245 front. It was the perfect hybrid, just tried to hit about a 245 shot with wind helping off the left. As soon as I hit it, I hit it perfect I thought, but I kind of lost it halfway because of the haze and the grandstand and everything. So I looked at my caddie and I'm like, where'd that go, and he said it's going pretty close to the pin.

And then I didn't see it land and then like a couple seconds later the crowd went wild. It was pretty surreal. I didn't even see the shot go in and lost the ball halfway through the -- when it was in the middle of the air. It was a pretty crazy moment there, so it was really fun.

Q. Does it feel like you just got off a rollercoaster? That's about as wild a round as you've had filling up the scorecard.

DYLAN WU: For sure. It was pretty windy out there. In the beginning was kind of the toughest stretch. Bogeyed 11, birdied 12 and 13, and then when I made that 2 on 14 I was like, wow, OK, I'm like 4 under par now.

Hit a good shot into 15. You kind of just have to keep the gas on the pedal and kind of reset after that. It's a great moment making an albatross, but there's still 13 more holes to play. I was still pretty happy with how I played the rest of the day especially after that front nine, kind of hung in there. Made another eagle on 7, which was nice, got a favorable kick with my drive and it went pretty far down there. But it was overall a really solid day today. Yeah, just got to keep on hitting fairways, give myself looks. Looks like it's going to be pretty scorable this whole week with the greens pretty soft.

Q. How do you gain momentum from day to day. I would imagine you show up the next day (inaudible)?



DYLAN WU: Yeah, for sure. I think you try to learn from what you did well and what you didn't do well. Kind of just the same stuff everybody talks about, kind of just stay in the moment, shot by shot, and kind of just focus on your process. I think that's kind of how you distract yourself from what everything else is, all the distractions and the buzz and things you can't control.

So I think that's the biggest thing that I try to focus on. When the pins come out for tomorrow, I'm the first group tomorrow morning, it's going to be a 4:00 a.m. wake-up call. Today was really cool having that albatross and everything, but still 54 holes to go. I would love to put myself in contention and have a chance on Sunday, so still a lot of golf left.

Q. How challenging will it be to go to bed, kind of riding higher today but knowing you've got to wake up at 4:00, and what time do you hope to hit the rack?

DYLAN WU: This is my first couple tournaments teeing off first off, which is nice. Like in the afternoon I played at 12:10 today, but 6:45 is pretty early. Probably wake up at 4:00 a.m. Luckily, it was pretty hot and humid out a little bit today so I think I'll be pretty tired later, especially with the adrenaline rush from today. So hopefully try to go to bed around 8:00, 8:30 and wake up at 4:00 a.m. It will be fun to wake up in the morning and play this course with hopefully lower winds and fresh greens.

