

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE

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RICKIE FOWLER (-12)

Q. Stacked a couple nice rounds together. What went well out there today?

RICKIE FOWLER: I think I hit a handful of shots to nearly gimme and that was definitely nice. With the softer conditions, starting to kind of dry out a little bit, but the greens get pretty beat up. Even yesterday morning they were already starting to get a little bouncy. Being in the afternoon, you know, guys dealt with it yesterday and we had it today. Not having to really think about anything outside of like three feet, even two feet starts to get a little dicey. Like I said, having a few tap-ins for birdie, that always makes things a little easier.

Q. Do you feel like a win is coming after how you've performed the last few months? Like that's kind of the last box there to check?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah. I mean, the biggest thing, we can't try and press too hard. I definitely know we can win. This is -- how I've played is some of the best if not the best I've felt about my game and on the course really ever.

We've won a few times, I know we're capable of doing that. Like I said, just can't press on that too much, just continue to execute and play some solid golf.

Q. Has there been a reason you feel like maybe it hasn't happened in the last couple weeks or just how the balls bounce?

RICKIE FOWLER: Last week I was a little too far back. U.S. Open, didn't play very well on Sunday. Yeah, you can look back and there's a reasoning on just about any of them. Continuing to put ourselves in good positions and playing some good golf, we'll just keep knocking at the door.

Q. And lastly, that chip-in, that eagle that you had, kind of what did you see on that shot?

RICKIE FOWLER: Well, I had a good number coming in, I mis-hit a 5-iron a little bit but right there short was fine. Knew it was a good spot. Helped out seeing Joel's chip before me just to see how -- kind of confirm how I thought the ball would react and was really just trying to hit it up there gimme. Like I had had a few birdies for the day was from -- I didn't want to try and necessarily make it and have four, five feet since the greens get a little choppy. Yeah, I was trying to hit it to gimme and I'll take the three, that's a little bonus.



Q. Watching you react, you said you can't press it right now, but the way that ball went in, the way you reacted, are you almost not surprised with how many are dropping for you right now?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yes and no. I mean, yeah, I've had a lot of offense and that's been something that's made it a lot easier to accept bogeys when I'm out of position and just knowing that I can -- I'm making a lot of birdies. Bad swings and getting out of position and making bogeys are going to happen. Yeah, like I said, it's made it a lot easier to accept those times and continue to move forward.

Q. With where you are in your game right now, and you say you have the most confidence ever in Detroit as you do coming into this one, what does it mean to be in the spot you are right now heading into this tournament in particular?

RICKIE FOWLER: Great start. With my partnership with Rocket, they're always -- I know they're always pulling for me and hoping that I'm in the mix. Haven't necessarily done it yet, but to be in a good spot after two days, like I said, solid start. We're only halfway.

Yeah, planning to continue to play some solid golf. It's going to take some good scoring over the weekend. Yeah, it will be fun. I know I'll have plenty of support from the Rocket family and the Detroit fans.

Q. Rickie, I think this is your tenth round this season where you're inside the top-5. Can you speak to the emotions of not putting yourself in a position where you feel like you have to chase and to be starting these events on the right foot and then being able to go from there?

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, I think obviously this year there's been a lot more Thursdays, Fridays where I put myself in a comfortable position going into the weekend. There's been a few times where I've been on the cut line and had to make sure I get a tee time on Saturday. It's either been solid rounds on Thursday, get out of the gate and get things going, or I back it up with a solid round, not a great start on Thursday but play well on Friday.

Yeah, it makes it a lot easier and a lot less stressful on the game to at least be in the mix versus having to go shoot a low one, kind of like what I had to do last week to kind of get up in the mix, even though Keegan was a little too far out.

Yeah, there's been a lot more good starts, solid play and putting myself in better positions where, like you said, I'm not having to go chase or try and hunt guys down.

