

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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ERIC COLE (-6)

Q. Eric, first time here, not bad start with seven birdies and just the one bogey, 6-under 66. Just a few comments about what went right today?

ERIC COLE: Yeah, pretty much everything was working well. Drove it pretty well for the most part and was able to make a few putts so that's a good combo for me. I'm happy to be here in Detroit, I think it's a great golf course for us to play and looking forward to the next three days.

Q. You mentioned you're a Donald Ross fan, obviously that was evident today. Do you continue just doing what you're doing, what's worked well today? Is there anything you want to tweak, work on a little bit or is everything kind of where you want it?

ERIC COLE: No, everything was pretty good. Yeah, I didn't see any too big of glaring weaknesses out there, it all felt pretty good. Made a couple putts, which is nice. The greens are subtle and difficult to read, so I hit a lot of good putts and also read some of them well, so I was very happy to see that for sure.

Q. Are you familiar with Sauce Gardner by any chance, the football player?

ERIC COLE: Not really, no. I've heard his name.

Q. He plays for the Jets and he's been getting into the golf game. If you want to take a look at that video.

ERIC COLE: So this is his swing?

Q. His swing, some short game, some putting, if you want to give your thoughts.

ERIC COLE: Looks pretty good, pretty athletic, I'd say. Looks good. Looks like he's got some speed, too. Might be a little bit of a left-to-right ball flight on some of these, but that's good, just play it. Yeah, looks good, I don't have a whole lot to critique there looks good to me.

Q. Would you give him any tips that you can think of for someone who's just starting off in the game?



ERIC COLE: I don't know. The swing looks good, so I would probably say work on the chipping and putting a little bit. That's one of the hardest things to learn and get the hang of when you're starting golf. I would say probably start there. Don't make it more complicated than it is because it looks athletic and good.

