

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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CHRIS KIRK (-4)

Q. Chris, congrats on a good start, 4 under today. Just a few comments about what went right.

CHRIS KIRK: Yeah, kind of got it going a little bit better towards the middle of my round. Drove it good all day, was kind of scraping it a little bit with the irons and wedges for a little while there. Made a nice long putt for birdie on 17 on a hole where you shouldn't have 35 feet for birdie, but thankfully that one went in, and a few other nice putts on 1 and 3.

Yeah, just some pretty good shots overall towards the end. A couple of short misses on 11, my second hole of the day, and then on No. 9 unfortunately, but overall, I mean, it's better than I've been playing lately, so I'll take it.

Q. That was going to lead me to my next question. Is there anything that you've been feeling good about coming into the week, some momentum shifting your way that you're feeling good about?

CHRIS KIRK: Just I like this golf course really. But no, I haven't played great. I played solid at the U.S. Open, not spectacular, but I just kind of was able to keep it in front of me really well that week. Had four really consistent rounds which gave me a decent finish. Other than that week, yeah, I haven't been doing a whole lot right, but it also hadn't felt like it's been way off. I'm not hitting foul balls or anything like that, it's just been a touch off. Yeah, just coming back to a golf course where I played well in the past that I'm comfortable on. Hopefully it will keep me in a good spot the rest of the week.

Q. Do you know Sauce Gardner --

CHRIS KIRK: Yes.

Q. -- the football player? So if you want to take this and press play, he's gotten into his golf game, so we wanted to get your thoughts and then if you have any tips for him.

CHRIS KIRK: Pretty good. You said he just started?

Q. Yeah, about a couple weeks ago.

CHRIS KIRK: A couple weeks ago? He doesn't need any help from me. He's a lot better



than I was two weeks into playing golf. Just let him do his thing.

