

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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BEN KOHLES (-5)

Q. Just walk me through some highlights of the round. Obviously a really good one today.

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, I gave myself a lot of chances. It was cool to -- I was in two divots in the first seven holes and the second one on 7 wasn't too bad, but I made it from the fairway. It was a short little wedge shot, so that was pretty cool. Yeah, I drove it really well, was in the fairway pretty much all day and yeah, just gave myself a bunch of looks and rolled some in. Overall, real solid.

Q. What do you make of the course? I know it's a classic Ross kind of course. Is that something you enjoy?

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, yeah, North Carolina guy, definitely coming off Pinehurst and another famous Ross. Yeah, I love playing Donald Ross. I seem to play pretty well on these courses. It's not necessarily the longest -- the longer courses that he has, but yeah, you've got to drive it straight and usually some stuff going on on the greens. So I was able to put myself in good spots and yeah, pretty stress free out there.

Q. You talked about kind of turning a corner midway through this season. What was it like within your game that enabled you to sort of flip that switch?

BEN KOHLES: I think just mentally really focusing on the process like we always say. Yeah, just really kind of keep learning every day. Just learning what I'm doing each and every day and trying to build off of that and not really looking too much at the results, just let those kind of fall as they may. Yeah, take it week by week. I feel like I've been doing a good job of that. Yeah, been really happy with how I've been playing the last couple months.

Q. I know a lot of guys talk about it all the time, but like how difficult is it to avoid being like results oriented?

BEN KOHLES: It's very difficult. I mean, you know, especially this is my third year out here, but that first year kind of coming out here you want to play well and stay out here so bad that you can sometimes just put too much pressure on yourself and really kind of focus on that instead of, like I said, focus on little things that you're kind of learning every day and trying to build off that.

