

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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TAYLOR MONTGOMERY (-7)

Q. Taylor, just, I mean, we heard you talking over there. I mean, just how -- I mean, score aside, how awesome was it to be back in a tournament, back on the course?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: It was great. I wasn't expecting to play as solid as I did. I had no idea what I was getting into. I probably played four times in the last two months. I mean, I've been practicing a little bit, but it's been so like small. I haven't been like grinding as hard as I could.

That's what's so frustrating about this game. I've played from seventh grade all the way up to the last two months and have played pretty much every day, giving it my all trying to be here. Then.

You go through the ups and downs and then the last two months I haven't worked hard at all on my game because I haven't been able to. Come out and shoot 7 under, like what the hell? Like how is that possible? Like it's so weird.

Q. From your last tournament, like what was the longest stretch you went without like picking up a club or I mean --

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: I was telling somebody the other day, I think three days. Ever since seventh grade up to now has been like three days without picking up a club. Then the last two months, probably 10 days, and then I would like grip one and maybe make like a little half swing and whatnot. I don't know, maybe I need to do it more often.

Q. When did you know that you would be getting -- that you would be playing this tournament? I mean, was it kind of a last-minute decision?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: It was a last-minute decision. I didn't know like how well like the shoulders would hold up and stuff. Like when I was -- swinging driver is the main issue. Like when I was swinging a driver, my right shoulder's the worst one, but it's the left one that hurts bad when I swing. I guess it's been about a week and a half where I haven't had much pain. But I've just been doing a bunch of these exercises with Rob back home, kind of the PT guy that I've been seeing. He's been great.

Q. So no issues today?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: No issues today. Like very minor, nothing major, which is good.



Q. Do you think it's almost a little -- I mean, it's a pressure game you guys play and it's a lot of pressure to be out here, but do you think it was nice to come out and not really have expectations?

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: No, I was more nervous today than I have been on the golf course in forever just because I felt so unprepared. I'm glad the putter felt the same, so that's a good thing. The putter's the only club that always feels the same to me, or at least has for the last five years. Everything else, like the first tee shot was super scary, but it was nice to feel those feelings again.

Q. Was there a point in the round where you did calm down, you did take a breath and everything's --

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Yeah, it was shot to shot. I don't know, maybe it helped me focus a little bit more, which was nice. But I don't know, I have no idea. This game is frustrating but great at the same time.

Q. Tessa's going to give you this video from Sauce Gardner.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: All right.

Q. Just looking for your thoughts. Hit play and tell us what you think about it, any of your tips.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: How long has he played for?

Q. Two weeks.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: What?

Q. He said like two weeks.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: That's crazy. Well, if he needs swing tips, I'd tell him to go to somebody else, but I'll give him some like putting tips or around the greens if he wants it.

I just saw him make a putt, I guess he doesn't need any putting tips. That's awesome, that's really cool.

