

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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MILES RUSSELL (+2)

Q. You got that round under the belt, 2-under 74 today. When asked inside how'd it go, your exact words were, "Could have been better." I like that. Just a few comments about what you felt good about today.

MILES RUSSELL: Today was a great day. I mean, for it to be the first, definitely wasn't quite what I was hoping for, but we live, we learn, we move on. So looking forward to tomorrow and hopefully tomorrow's going to be better.

Q. How nervous were you on the first tee? Maybe not at all. I'm just curious on a scale of 1 to 10 what were the nerves like?

MILES RUSSELL: I was a little nervous, I'd probably give it like a 7. That's probably my best drive of the day, should have been nervous all day. It was a good day, settled in nicely.

Q. Just curious what the first tee, what the vibes were like for you as you kind of enter this new world with a lot of people watching? Probably more people than you're accustomed to seeing?

MILES RUSSELL: I was excited. Everybody out there was supportive. Tried to ignore it at the time, but it was hard not to.

Q. Butterflies lasted for how long?

MILES RUSSELL: Probably three holes. Finally when I hit the green there on I think it was 13, I kind of finally had a putt at birdie and a chance to get one back.

Q. How does that compare to the Korn Ferry experience for you?

MILES RUSSELL: Korn Ferry was pretty cool, but I think this is going to one-up it a little bit. This is definitely a little better.

Q. What was it -- seemed like you were struggling with your accuracy, just some of the drives, some of the approaches. Was it something in your swing or the course setup? What was it?

MILES RUSSELL: Probably just a little setup stuff. Going to go work on it after this and hopefully we get it back and dialed in for tomorrow.



Q. How much did it help -- was it -- the gallery size, was that distracting at all for you? Did you enjoy all the attention?

MILES RUSSELL: No, it was fun. Don't get to play in front of this many people normally, so it's a cool experience and just looking forward to it again.

Q. In terms of being able to use this as a learning experience, what does a day like this, the things you say, like man, I can do this and what were things like maybe, wow, I wasn't expecting that?

MILES RUSSELL: Yeah, I learned a lot. Especially when you don't play your best, but then watch Parker and -- yeah, Pierceson and Rico, I mean, they grind it out and they shot a couple under. It's like that could have very easily been what I did, just didn't quite make enough putts and made a few unforced errors.

Q. You're obviously used to being around older people, right? Do you talk to them as if you're on the same level? I don't know if that's the right way to say it. How do you kind of relate? Do you ask questions?

MILES RUSSELL: You're talking about Pierceson and Rico?

Q. Yeah.

MILES RUSSELL: They were great today. Walking off the first tee, they helped keep me loose and I think it was a cool experience for kind of all of us, but really cool one for me. I mean, I don't know if I could ask for a better grouping.

Q. What was the wait like today with the late tee time?

MILES RUSSELL: Definitely wanted to go early, but get to do that tomorrow. It was a cool day.

Q. What was -- was there any difficulty in not trying too much, kind of trying to stay within yourself instead of maybe doing anything that would be out of character, if that makes sense?

MILES RUSSELL: It wasn't too bad. I think I got a little aggressive there on 12, but told Ramon, I'm like let's get back to the basics here and start hitting some greens, and we were able to do that. Weren't able to get those putts to go in. Hopefully they go in tomorrow.

Q. You're the only player on the field that if you click on your profile on the PGA TOUR app, a height and weight is not listed. So what is your current height and weight?



MILES RUSSELL: I think my height's probably 5-7 and weight's maybe 120.

Q. What's that waste size?

MILES RUSSELL: It's right there in a 28 with a scrunched belt.

