

## ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

### ROUND 2 QUOTES

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### AARON RAI (-13)

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**Q. Aaron, great playing, you grabbed a share of the 36-hole lead. How does the game feel right now, 13 under through two rounds?**

**AARON RAI:** Yeah, it feels in a good place. Played really nicely the last two days, hit it well tee to green, hit a lot of fairways, a lot of chances, and rolled it pretty well, too, on the greens. Yeah, it's been a real solid first two days to start with.

**Q. Second in the field in strokes gained approach the green, a category you're in the top-10 on Tour this season. How hard have you worked at that part of your game?**

**AARON RAI:** I think it's been more of a process over the last few years, there's nothing in particular that I've really tried to change this year. I think building good foundations off previous years and just trying to stay on top of the fundamentals, trying to stay in a pretty good place. And that changes week to week, and I think trying to bring it back and kind of play with what is going on that particular week I feel like we've done a better job of managing the full shots, which has certainly helped this season with tee to green.

**Q. You finished in the top-10 here last year. How confident do you feel around this golf course?**

**AARON RAI:** Yeah, it's always nice to come back to a course with good memories. I enjoy the layout, it fits my eye pretty well, and the conditions that we have this week are pretty soft, which certainly gives us opportunities to hit a lot of fairways and be a little more aggressive with the second shots.

**Q. Just given how the week has gone, how this course is, I know you guys love to see an old-fashioned course mixed in on the Tour, to be heating up right now to catch up, how good does it feel to go into tomorrow knowing that you have this under your belt?**

**AARON RAI:** Yeah, really good. I think the biggest positives are just how I've played the last two days, the score has gone along with that. Yeah, still a huge amount of golf to play, but it's a great position to be in and a lot of positives to draw on over the last two days.

**Q. That 20-and-a-half foot distance from the hole, what are you thinking in that moment?**



**AARON RAI:** Played with Joel Dahmen, he had a very similar putt, which he made. So it was nice to see his go in and it definitely helped to give me a little bit of a read. It gave me an idea of how slow the putt was, it was definitely a little slower than I expected. My focus was just on trying to hit a good putt. It felt great off the face and it was nice to see it just about get there and rolled in.

**Q. And we're going to threesome play tomorrow just because of the weather. How do you think that will feel for a Saturday just trying to get as much golf in as possible?**

**AARON RAI:** Yeah, it might feel a little bit different considering it's a weekend, but we always play threesomes on Thursday and Friday, so I'm sure it shouldn't feel too different.

