

## ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

### ROUND 2 QUOTES

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### MILES RUSSELL (E)

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**Q. Miles, thanks for joining us for a minute. On the way up here you got asked how did it go today and your answer was "better." Two under 70 today, just a few comments on what you felt good about.**

**MILES RUSSELL:** The range session last night was definitely helpful today. Got off to a nice start and just wasn't quite able to keep it going, but just needed a couple more putts to drop.

**Q. Is there one or two big things that you've put your finger on that you've learned this week that you really like and that you're looking forward to kind of as you get your game to that next level?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** I think in the next couple days I'll figure something out. Learned a ton, just got to figure out what it was and I'll get back to you on that.

**Q. On Tuesday when we talked you said your expectations, that you really just wanted to soak it in and have fun. Do you think you were able to do that?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** I think so. I think it was a good week, just the golf didn't go the way I wanted it to, but it was a great week.

**Q. Was there a moment out there that you kind of had to pinch yourself?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** Just tried to stay focused on the golf, but 18 there, just kind of walked up a little slower and really just enjoyed it.

**Q. What you expected the PGA TOUR to be like, how did this match up to it?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** It's pretty perfect. I mean, the only PGA TOUR event I've been to is THE PLAYERS and I think that's probably one of the best ones, so it was right up there with it.

**Q. What's your phone been like?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** It's been a little -- the notifications are off, so it hasn't been too bad, but it's been busy.

**Q. And then you get to come back to Michigan. Do you think it kind of helped**



to -- obviously different course, but you got to come here play a little bit and you'll return?

**MILES RUSSELL:** For sure. Detroit's been awesome, I love Detroit. Looking forward to a month and hopefully it's a little better.

**Q. How different of a challenge will Oakland Hills be as opposed to Detroit Golf Club?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** I think it might be a little firmer, a little faster, rough might be a little thicker, might be a little bit more of a championship-style course. I think the rough's going to be probably five, six inches and pretty thick. I think the key's going to be keeping it in the fairway.

**Q. When you chipped in for birdie on 11, did you allow yourself to kind of think might be able to do something special today?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** No, I just try to stay in the moment, just one shot at a time. Hit a good chip there. I mean, it was exactly kind of what I saw and I told Ramon this is going to be good and I executed perfectly.

**Q. You talked yesterday about your two playing partners, but just every player in general I'm sure you've had a lot come up to you. What has the reception been for you? How have they treated you?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** They've been great. Most everybody's introduced themselves and super friendly, and if I've needed anything just ask somebody and they'll help me.

**Q. What was it like being a fan favorite and having people shout your name? Kind of had a big ovation at 18?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** It was awesome. I mean, the fans here, especially in Detroit, have been great and looking forward to coming back in a month or so. It was just a cool moment.

**Q. How well do you know Charlie Woods? Have you played with him? (Inaudible) being junior amateur does to that event?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** I think it's going to be pretty busy. He was at actually at my charity event I put on, the Florida Sunshine Cup, I played with him there. I haven't played with him in a while and it'll be good to see him.

**Q. Miles, just how aware were you of the cut line throughout your round and did you know what you needed to do?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** Really just tried to stay focused early, just kind of play my game and make a couple birdies and just keep it going, but kind of there on 16 I asked Ramon what



the cut line's at, and there weren't really leaderboards that were showing it, so just kind of figured have to keep making birdies and unfortunately wasn't able to do that.

**Q. Did it change your approach at all? Just being more aggressive at any point during the round?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** I don't think so. The game plan today was same as yesterday, just try to execute it better. Did that early, just couldn't get any putts to fall on that back side.

**Q. On 14 when you leave it that short, how hard is it or how easy is it to put that out of your mind just that you're so close, you're having a good round, but just a missed opportunity like that when you know you might be on that cut line?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** Yeah, had it going there on 13, too. Both good putts. That one on 14 putting up against that kind of first cut, that's tough just judging the speed. Thought I did a good job and it wasn't quite hard enough. It'd be very easy to blast that one three feet by, so I was OK with it.

**Q. Who drove the courtesy car and do you have a driver's permit?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** I do have a driver's permit. My dad did.

**Q. Did you get to drive it at all?**

**MILES RUSSELL:** I did not, no. I wish.

