

ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC

ROUND 3 QUOTES

June 29, 2024



LUKE CLANTON (-14)

Q. Luke, can you take us through your round a little bit today?

LUKE CLANTON: Yeah, it was good. I mean, from start to finish, I think we stayed super calm and super in the process of what we've been doing. I think that's kind of one thing I've been struggling with the last couple months is not getting ahead of my game and looking into the future, but today I think we did such a good job of not trying to force the birdies out there, but we just stayed really in our process today.

Q. How much did you pay attention to what Nick did earlier this year winning as an amateur?

LUKE CLANTON: Yeah, I mean, of course. Me and Nick go way back so it's awesome to see him do that. I've seen him a couple times already and me and him been there, been friends for a while. It's cool, man. I think amateurs now, we're so good. I think a lot of guys have great chances of winning out here and to be in contention with one day to go is pretty sweet.

Q. How long do you plan to stay an amateur?

LUKE CLANTON: All four years. Yeah, I love Florida State. I think Trey Jones and all those guys back home have done such a great job, it's been awesome.

Q. And the NIL and the rule changes in college, does it make it -- does it make you more comfortable to stay in college because you can make money and play there?

LUKE CLANTON: Yeah. Again, like I play golf to play golf. I think being able to play golf with your buddies every single day, it's something you don't get very much. I've got 12 dudes on that team that I absolutely love, so it's awesome.

Q. Do you take a look at the leaderboard while you're out there and see your name up there?

LUKE CLANTON: A couple times, no doubt. Again, like I think -- me and Jason, we were just kind of joking around, on 17 tee we were talking about where to go to eat already. Those kind of things I think made me stay positive and happy out there realizing that it's my first PGA TOUR event and to be in contention where I'm at right now is awesome.



Q. Talked to your athletic director today he said you took the NCAAs pretty hard at the end there. How long did it take to get over that and does this help to get over that?

LUKE CLANTON: Well, shoot, we've literally been traveling every day. Still hurts, no doubt. It's hard to lose to those guys, especially how hard we trained and everything we did. It's hard no matter what. I don't think I can get over it in two weeks or three weeks or even five months. I think it kind of just pushes us and the whole team together and get better and win a national championship.

Q. Can you take me through the eagle on 14?

LUKE CLANTON: Well, I smoked a drive way down there and that was probably one of the harder once I hit all day. Had literally the perfect 5-iron number with left-to-right wind. I looked at Jason and I said this could be really good if I hit this good and I flushed it. I said "be the right club," and he said it, too. Hit it close and tapped in for eagle, so it was pretty sweet.

Q. If you had to describe what kind of player you are, what would you say?

LUKE CLANTON: Driven. I think I'm -- I know it's kind of a common word to using nowadays, I think it's overused a little bit, but I think I'm super driven with what I do. I've been blessed with everything I've had and being able to have Trey Jones on my side, Jeff Leishman, Jason (indiscernible,) I mean, all those guys have been helping me in my process with what I've done, so it's been awesome.

Q. Playing out here maybe comparing your game to some of the world's best, has it given you reassurance that you have what it takes out here?

LUKE CLANTON: Yeah, no doubt. Again, I think I the people I've surrounded myself out here the last couple years have been a big help with that because there's a lot of doubt that goes in your mind sometimes. To be able to be out here and even say I'm in contention to win a PGA TOUR event's pretty nuts. It's pretty cool, man.

Q. You are in contention. Does anything change tomorrow given the fact that there will probably be a gap between you and the leaders?

LUKE CLANTON: Yeah. Again, I think we've done so well. Again, I shot 7 under today, it was amazing, but we could have made a couple more birdies out there. My game plan has been the same all week, pound driver as hard as I can and get it down there and make a few putts, and it's been good.

