

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE
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JOE HIGHSMITH (-5)



Q. Joe, the hole-in-one out there, can you talk through what club you hit, what the mindset was for the shot and seeing it go in?

JOE HIGHSMITH: Yeah, it was super cool. I hit 6-iron and it was kind of a perfect number and I knew if I pulled it long right that I had a little backstop over there. It worked out perfect. I don't know why I had like a weird thought before I hit it that I was going to make a hole-in-one. Actually it's happened multiple times this year, so it was pretty cool. I knew about the like 3 in one year deal, so that's pretty cool. I kind of felt like, I don't know, I just thought I was going to do it at some point, but that was really cool to get my third one this year.

Q. When you were like practice round mapping out that hole, did you like think of like feeding it off that slope down there?

JOE HIGHSMITH: I mean, you know it's there. I wouldn't say I was like trying to do it, it was more like as it left, I know if I pull it it's going to carry a little longer and kind of fly right into that hill. It's not something you try to do, you just kind of know it's there. Yeah, miracle that that thing went in, for sure.

Q. The thought comes in your mind like right over the ball or on the tee, or what moment did you have that thought?

JOE HIGHSMITH: It's probably walking into it, I just kind of had like some weird feeling that I was going to make a hole-in-one, I guess. Yeah, so sometimes some crazy stuff like that happens in golf.

Q. Like walking to the tee?

JOE HIGHSMITH: Into the shot.

Q. Oh, like when you're --

JOE HIGHSMITH: Like walking into the shot, yeah.

Q. Wow, that's amazing.

JOE HIGHSMITH: Yeah, yeah, for sure.

Q. Do you like take a second to like let that thought go out or do you just ride with it



and go?

JOE HIGHSMITH: I mean, I still like obviously had to focus on hitting a good tee shot. Sometimes you'll have like a feeling like that and then you'll kind of lose your focus on the shot and hit some terrible shot. Fortunately, I kind of focused up and made a good swing.

Q. And the stat, you said you alluded to it, but you're the first player on record on the PGA TOUR to make three holes-in-one in a season. What's your reaction to that?

JOE HIGHSMITH: I mean, super cool, yeah. Obviously it doesn't really mean much, but it's really cool to be the first to do that. I know I've seen Brian Harman made two in one round, that's pretty crazy. Yeah, to be the record holder I guess for most holes-in-one in a season is pretty cool.

Q. How many do you have in your life? Do you keep track?

JOE HIGHSMITH: Yeah, that was my 18th. I mean, a lot of luck involved obviously on an ace, but it's pretty cool. I've been very lucky up to this point.

Q. And you've had others in competition, too? Like other tours, junior events?

JOE HIGHSMITH: Yeah, maybe like six or seven of them have been in tournaments. Yeah, super cool.

Q. Do you remember your first one?

JOE HIGHSMITH: I do, yeah. It was in a tournament. It was like 107 yards and I hit a 9-iron, I think I was 10 years old. As soon as it went in, I remember my mom like screaming at the top of her lungs and I just ran straight to the hole and picked it out of there. That was a lifelong memory, for sure.

Q. Do you have a favorite of them?

JOE HIGHSMITH: It's got to be the hole-in-one at AmEx this year because my grandpa couldn't walk the course that day so he was staying on the green on that hole, so that was going to be the only shot that he saw all day. It went in, so that was probably the most special.

Q. Then just to close the loop, your second one, what was that one?

JOE HIGHSMITH: Yeah, Rocket Mortgage, it was just straight luck. I was trying to hit it 10 feet right or 15 feet right and I hit it like short and left and the wind gusted and it one hopped and flew in the hole. Just a miracle, sometimes it happens like that, but yeah, that was total luck.



Q. And the club you hit on the AmEx one and the Detroit one, do you remember?

JOE HIGHSMITH: Yeah, it was a 6-iron at AmEx and a pitching wedge in Detroit and a 6-iron today.

Q. Same club or --

JOE HIGHSMITH: Same club, yeah.

Q. Do you ever change it?

JOE HIGHSMITH: Same 6-iron. Well, actually it might be different.

Q. Same model?

JOE HIGHSMITH: Yeah, yeah.

