

## ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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JAMES PIOT ( -2)



**Q. All right, so first things first, talk about there's two other Michigan State players at the Rocket Classic. Have you had time to kind of think about that, and how does that feel to be one of those three represented?**

**JAMES PIOT:** Yeah, it feels awesome. It's cool to see three Michigan State guys, a Sparty. No U of M guys makes it even sweeter. But former teammate of mine, Ashton McCulloch, and then Ryan Brehm was kind of a mentor. We're all Sparties, it's a really sweet week for us.

**Q. It seemed like a lot of near misses especially in the middle, I think you got a birdie on 7 and then you had a couple near misses. It seemed like you were getting a little frustrated right there. Was that a few that you kind of wish you had back?**

**JAMES PIOT:** Yeah, I hit great putts all day, so yeah, it looked like I was frustrated and it's more just not getting the read right on my part. But rolled it really nice and I was happy with how I played today despite them not falling.

**Q. 14 and 15 I think you got back-to-back birdies. What was kind of hitting for you right there?**

**JAMES PIOT:** Yeah, it was just 14, obviously getting a 3-wood in on a birdie hole so just being greenside being able to get it up and down, it was one of those putts where I was over it, I'm like this is going in.

And then 15 I had the same feeling. So as a golfer you get that once in a while and two of those were I felt like I couldn't miss them and luckily I made them.

**Q. For you talking about Michigan State again, you had your coach here, one of your coaches here, you also had family here as well. Does that kind of put more pressure on you or just makes you want to do better knowing that they're right there?**

**JAMES PIOT:** Well, it's more appreciation. I mean, my parents used to come to a lot of events, they've always supported me since I was 4, 5 years old picking up the game, and the fact that they got to come out here today, and then my college coach, Casey Lubahn, and some friends, there's no cooler feeling in the world.

**Q. Last thing I have for you, what's kind of the mindset moving forward? What did you kind of take from today and what you're going to take forward?**



**JAMES PIOT:** Yeah, the biggest thing is I'm hitting it well, I was rolling it well despite putts not falling, so I think I'm playing well tomorrow and the mentality is they're going to fall.

