

PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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ZACH JAMES (-11)

Q. Zach, 7 under today, just what was working well out there?

ZACH JAMES: Made a lot of putts. It's been a struggle the last probably two months with putting and I haven't really made anything. Today was probably the best I've putted since I turned pro honestly. I mean, it was well over 200 feet of putts made.

Q. Were there any changes that you've made?

ZACH JAMES: A lot. After missing the last two cuts by 1, I kind of changed my entire golf game and changed setups with putting and everything. I think we're just reading it better, maybe these greens I like better, but it just seems that everything is going along.

Q. It seemed like the afternoon played quite difficult out there but not for you. Just how was the wind handling and all that stuff?

ZACH JAMES: It was tricky in the beginning because it kept kind of quartering back and forth, it's hard to judge whether it was going to be down, it was cross, it was into a little bit.

Our last like three holes it pretty much died down, it was blowing like 4, 5 miles an hour and it made it a little easier. In the beginning they had it a little bit this morning too. Pretty much everybody had to deal with the wind.

Q. Seems like you capitalized on that, three birdies in those last couple holes there. How did it feel to end that way?

ZACH JAMES: It was good. I think all of them were -- one of them was a two-putt from like 65 feet, one of them I rolled in a 35-footer, and the other one I rolled in like a 25-, 30-footer. The putting, it worked out.

Q. Rookie season out here, do you want to give your thoughts?

ZACH JAMES: For the rookie season?

Q. Yeah.

ZACH JAMES: It's been fun. I learned a lot, that's for sure. This is week five in a row so it's a lot of grinding, traveling, trying to get used to the scene. It's completely different from what

I've done in the past. I didn't have Americas status for the first time until about a year ago now, so I had never had anything, played mini tours and it's a different change. Obviously the game's there with where I'm at now, finished in a couple different tournaments throughout the year. I'm enjoying it, I want to keep doing it.

Q. What did the birdie on 17 do to the crowd? Were there still people down there?

ZACH JAMES: Not very many, sadly. They gave a roar for what about eight or 10 people can do, but that was about it.

Q. And you had one of your top finishes at Veritex Bank earlier in the season. I guess what are you taking into tomorrow?

ZACH JAMES: Try to keep the same mindset I've had. I kind of changed it over the last couple weeks. I was getting a little more mad than I usually did and this week I told myself, all right, we're going to turn over a new leaf and just not really going to -- like I'm going to care, but like if I hit a bad shot, oh, well, I don't really care about it. So far it's worked out. I've missed a couple throughout, throughout the last couple days and got them up and down and I think the new mindset's going to work.

Q. When was the last time you were in a lead group?

ZACH JAMES: Springfield, Illinois, whatever tournament that was probably six events ago I was in the final group on Sunday.

Q. What can you learn from that experience to apply now?

ZACH JAMES: Make more putts.

Q. Looks like you're doing that right now.

ZACH JAMES: So far. See if I can continue it the next couple days.

Q. We've had a lot of guys with that "I don't care" mentality the last couple of days. Is it just end of the season, fifth week in a row?

ZACH JAMES: It's a caring but it's like I guess for me it's an aspect of don't try too hard in a way of I don't care. I think over the last month or so, month and a half I've been trying too hard. I know the game's been there at times. It's been trying and trying to force things almost instead of naturally just letting it happen.

Q. Do you look at the points list? Are you a stats guy or not a stats guy?

ZACH JAMES: I look at the points list. Right now I'm sitting 57th so my thought is I want to at least have status for next year and top 75 keep status. Obviously everybody wants to get

to the PGA TOUR and get to top-20, but I'm always looking it, kind of thinking about it.