

PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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ZACH JAMES (-15)

Q. Zach, really solid round out there today. Just what are your thoughts on it?

ZACH JAMES: It was a bit of a struggle at times. I didn't get off to the hottest of starts and actually shanked one during the round, which is kind of funny.

Trying to be patient again. It was more of that same mindset as the last couple days where don't let anything get to you, don't try too hard. Luckily, coming to the back nine I think I ended up shooting 4 under on the back and get myself in contention tomorrow, in the final group. See if we can actually do something.

Q. A shank, is that from nerves, is that just golf?

ZACH JAMES: Just a bad swing.

Q. OK.

ZACH JAMES: No, no nerves, I wasn't nervous at all today. I normally never get nervous. It wasn't like a full hosel rocket, but it was one that went pretty far right and pretty short.

Q. Is that anything that kind of rattles you or you just get right back to it?

ZACH JAMES: Just get right back to it. It happens, and just try to do what you can from there, try to make par on the hole, which I didn't, I made bogey. Just go to the next. I think I birdied a hole three holes later to get one back.

Q. Birdied 18 there. Just walk me through that hole and how you finished strong.

ZACH JAMES: Oh, it was huge. Looking at the leaderboard I knew I wasn't going to be in the final group unless I made birdie on it, and you always want to play in it on Sunday.

We had a pretty good read on the putt and had a good look, good opportunity and putter's kind of been hot this week and it was a big one to make just to play in the final group.

Q. Some guys like chasing the lead but sounds like you would rather be tied at the top.

ZACH JAMES: Either one. I enjoy being on top, but I guess there's more pressure since

everybody's looking at you and you're the one that can lose it. But I'm not in the lead yet, I'm only tied.

Q. You seem pretty confident though, and comfortable now?

ZACH JAMES: Yeah, I guess more of the mindset that I've had over the last week or so where try not to care, try not to let anything get to me and just let it happen. And I think everything will happen for a reason, so whatever happens tomorrow, it's what happens. There's nothing you can do to change it.

Q. What was the crowd around 18 like? Was that one of the bigger Saturday --

ZACH JAMES: Oh, without a doubt, yeah. That was probably the loudest I think, or maybe second loudest. Kansas City had a pretty good one, but that one was loud. We were walking up onto 17 and had a pretty good group over there. I said to Graham, my caddie, let's give 'em something to cheer about. Made par there so I didn't give 'em anything, but luckily I did on 18.

Q. How did your morning start with the storm? Did you hear those sirens?

ZACH JAMES: I actually didn't. I'm a pretty heavy sleeper, I didn't hear much. And luckily our tee time was 12:35 and then after the change it ended up being 12:35 so it didn't really change the way we were doing anything, our prep for today at all.

Q. What colors are you planning to wear tomorrow?

ZACH JAMES: So I always do a Sunday pink whether it's shirt or pants. Wore the pants yesterday so it will be a pink shirt. Not sure on the pants yet, more than likely like a brown, but I always have that Sunday pink.