

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE
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ZACH JOHNSON (-2)



Q. Zach, Johnson, (inaudible) Tour winner, got a green jacket, a jug, captain of the Ryder Cup team, but seeing you the last couple years, kept talking about almost there, getting ready to go. Your impressions so far since you are now a rookie?

ZACH JOHNSON: I was telling a lot of guys this, I'm not surprised but I'm very impressed with the way things are just here. Just whether it's the logistics of everything, whether it's the build-out, whether it's the fan support, golf course. Obviously the competition's still elite.

Q. Still love to play.

ZACH JOHNSON: Again, I'm not surprised by that, I'm just impressed and happy to be here.

Q. What did you do to prepare for this? We talked, we were talking about what's going on out there. You make every five-footer, you're a good wedge player, that's a good recipe. How did you prepare for this?

ZACH JOHNSON: As of late, I had four, five weeks off since the west coast. I played the Hope -- I played the Hope. I played the AmEx, so that was my last event. Between then and now, I was working. I was doing a lot of stuff in the gym. Got to do a little bit more there, get jacked up. Par for the course there. A lot of physio stuff and then some good work, some good fundamental work with my coaches. Encouraged by the trajectory of things.

But I love it. Still got to work. I'm not trying to maintain, I'm trying to get better in order to have success out here. I don't want to get stagnant, I don't want to get complacent because I'm going to get lapped. I'm all about working.

Q. It's about mobility and flexibility at our age now. Have you put together a schedule yet?

ZACH JOHNSON: Yeah, yeah, we've kind of pieced things together Shoot, you know better than me. It's about what's going on at home, it's about what's behind it, what's in front of it. Fortunately I get to play in a few tournaments on the big tour, specifically a couple majors and that sort of thing. So I'm trying to plan it and also pay attention to (inaudible) and how much -- my weeks off are just as strategic as my weeks on.

But I say all that, I'm going to play a fair bit out here. I'm going to play the next two, God willing, and then get to Augusta, and then we'll see after that. You know, once the middle of summer comes through the middle of the late fall, it's pretty heavy and that's spectacular, so

I've got to get used to that.

I'm excited to see some old venues that I haven't seen in a minute, but I'm also excited to see some new ones that guys are raving about.