

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**ZACH JOHNSON (+28)**

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**Q. Zach, 13 points today, 28 points total, you have the 36-hole lead. Just tell us about your round today.**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** Pretty similar to yesterday. I mean, I probably made a few more putts yesterday, but I putted great today outside of a three-putt and maybe a couple -- I missed a short one on 1 and 10, but very solid. I mean, it's one of those it could have been lower, but I don't make a couple 12- to 15-footers, it could have been higher. I think it probably evened out. Hit it nice. Really hit my driver nice with the exception of 18 and maybe one other one if I'm not mistaken. Encouraged, encouraged with the trajectory of my game.

**Q. Fifteen-footers, can you take us through that long one you drained on 16 there?**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** Sixteen? Oh, yeah. It was about, I don't know, 16, 18 feet. Got it pin high off the tee shot, which was nice. It's hard to have the honor here on the PGA TOUR Champions, any tour for that matter, on par 3s, try to judge it right given wind and given pin placements.

I was going to hit a 7 and I hit a hard 8 and it was perfect, so glad we took our time on that one. It was about a cup, cup and a half outside the left edge and just dripped in. My pace was good. Especially on the back nine when I made some putts, my pace was excellent. A couple putts probably could have dropped. So encouraged by that. It was a gift. You don't expect to make a 2 on 16, so that was a nice gift.

**Q. I asked Retief, he had 66 today and I said, Did it feel like a 66? He said, I don't know what it feels like, because he's trying to make birdies.**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** There's a lot of truth in that, there's a lot of truth in am I going to push a little more here, this downhill, down grain putt, give it more just to get there. There's a lot of -- you know, the best explanation is a birdie and a bogey is usually even par on the PGA TOUR, but here it's plus 1, so there's a little bit of an incentive to be a little bit more aggressive.

At the same time, you don't want to get it -- like 18, for example. I misjudged the speed. I had a foot, I left it dead short right in the jaws. If it wasn't for that, it would have been a nice capper. But yeah, it is a mentality. At the same time, you've still got to play within yourself, so it's that balance, right? Try and understand when to hit the driver versus the 3-wood, when to hit the 3-wood versus the iron, and when to be aggressive with the putter.

**Q. You've been in this situation many times, including here a few times. Does it still**



## get the juices going on a Sunday afternoon?

**ZACH JOHNSON:** I mean, I missed about a five- to six-footer on 1, probably misread it but also hit a really bad putt if that makes sense. I would have made it if I had even hit a good putt. I turned to my caddie, I said, man, I have little butterflies going right there, that was nice.

Just need to care. I don't care if I make it or miss it, but I care about what I'm doing. So that's competition. That's why we practice, that's why we do what we do. And I love it. You want to -- I mean, that's where -- you want to have those opportunities and those moments where, like, I've got to execute right now. That's sports, that's golf, that's competition. I thoroughly enjoy that part of my work.

### **Q. You said you were working on some things after Augusta. Anything in particular and is it showing up this week?**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** Yeah, we did some good things I would even say last week. I was volatile last week. I know I had a decent week from a finish standpoint, but I had 10 bogeys and three doubles. It was very colorful, if you will. I'm trying to clean that up.

We did some things on the range this week early. I've done probably some subtle things in the gym that I think have probably helped kind of get back to where I feel like I can like get down on it.

I was probably trying to hit up on the ball a little bit too much rather than down on it, especially with the longer clubs, and that just overlaps into the rest of your shotmaking. I'm not going to be more specific, but essentially it was a ball -- the basics, it's always alignment, ball position, posture, grip. It's all those things that I constantly am trying to fine tune.

