

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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ZACH JOHNSON (-6)



Q. Zach, Round 2 out here at Firestone, you're 3 under on the day, 6 under overall. Take us through your round.

ZACH JOHNSON: The days were very similar, yesterday and today. Obviously the scorecard was very similar.

Created a lot of opportunities. I missed some short putts yesterday. You can argue I missed a couple short putts today, too. But I made a couple, so I'm driving it great, I seemed to give myself a lot of good opportunities. My distance control's been pretty good overall. We were in between clubs a lot today and went with the too safe, too conservative approach say three or four times. At the same time, still had a putt.

Solid. A few of these holes out here really make you think. Seems like the harder the hole, the more difficulty I seem to execute even better. That was encouraging.

Q. Were the par 3s kind to you today?

ZACH JOHNSON: Yeah, that was nice. I mean, the front nine I did. I made a bogey on the back somewhere. Hit a really solid shot, just misjudged my alignment there. I missed a short putt. Yeah, I made a putt on 5. I mean, I'm trying to get in a three-foot circle. That was a fortuitous drip if you will. And I hit a really good shot on 7. I had a great opportunity there that I capitalized on.

Yeah, solid shots. You get rewarded at Firestone if you hit the middle of the face it seems.

Q. Do you find that you're hitting the same clubs now that you did playing WGCs?

ZACH JOHNSON: Yes and no. I would say for the most part yes. We haven't played this place bouncy yet. If you get that first maybe and second bounce in particular in the fairway, that ball goes, specifically on a few holes out here. Even like 2, even though it's uphill, the ball just starts to carom. 16 would be the epitome, even 18. I've hit so many sand wedges and little flip wedges into 18, I haven't come close to that yet. I hit a 9-iron that jumped yesterday and then a 9-iron today, but they were full shots to front pins. All that to say very similar, I think. 9 and 8 in particular a lot more loft as the tees don't go back as to what I was accustomed to. I hit wedge into 8 and I hit -- if I was in the fairway I would have hit a 9-iron. Well, I hit 9 but it jumped on me on 9. All to say there's a few boxes that are up thankfully, especially considering the saturation. The course is still unbelievable. I had casual water on the 10th hole in the middle of the fairway. Other than that, I didn't have to look so that was impressive. It is on a hill, that was impressive.



Q. Yesterday you were coming down 18 and you noticed you kind of stopped and looked at the plaque. What was that about?

ZACH JOHNSON: I was like -- do I have my phone? Nope, I don't have my phone. I was going to take a picture of it, send it to the individual that hit that shot, maybe get a middle finger emoji. That's his love language, so he would appreciate that.

I remember that shot like it was yesterday. I don't know what playoff hole it was, I know it wasn't the first one against Jimmy. That's one of those shots and those conditions with that tree with that pin placement where you just take a deep breath and say, man, you're pretty darn good at this game because it's impressive. He's had a lot of those. Obviously that one is very much archived and brought up this week, rightfully so.

