**ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTE**
**November 14, 2026**

**ZACH JOHNSON ( -14)**

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**Q. Zach Johnson, 64 today, quite a good round. I'm sure you might have felt a little better?**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** I mean, yeah, but at the same time I made some putts, too. Especially a couple par putts that were kind of slippery. Maybe it evens out, I don't know. I felt like I put myself in really good position to take advantage of the par 5s and I just didn't. That kind of chaps me, especially after yesterday. But at the same time, very solid, boring. It was certainly very steady.

**Q. I'm not sure how 7 under could be boring, but you made it look so easy. Like you said, the par 5s you didn't play as well as you wanted. So birdieing 18, I sure you wanted to play with Stewart tomorrow.**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** I found out on 18, I didn't know. I wanted to be in the last group, and he and I even talked about it after the first day, "see you late on Sunday." He's holding his end of the bargain up, I just didn't hold mine up.

But that's all right, that's the way it works. And obviously everybody's good, there's a lot of good rounds. Scott Hend had 10 under today or 9 under or something like that. It's out there if you're in control. It's a good test.

**Q. Zach, great round out there today, 7 under heading into the final day. How do you tighten your mindset going into that round tomorrow?**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** I've got to do much the same. Today I started to figure out a couple mistakes from yesterday, some errant shots that kind of got the best of me yesterday. So it was pretty solid all around, very steady, very plodding and monotonous, which I like. Just kind of staying right foot, left foot kind of thing. And I missed a couple putts, too. It could have been better, there's no question. At the same time, I made some and probably evens out.

So if I can play like I did today tomorrow or at least have that semblance and let the putter do its talking, you never know. But encouraged. Especially after my latter part of my day yesterday, I'm very encouraged.

**Q. Zach, were you thinking about the groupings for tomorrow and were you thinking about trying to play your way into getting with Stewart?**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** No, not really. I didn't look at the leaderboard until the 18th green, so I

really didn't know what I needed to do per se.

I thought I hit a good pitch and it released a good 8 to 10 feet further than I anticipated. I figured if I could get this one to go in, then yeah, I'd probably be in the last group.

He told me after our first day when he shot nothing, he said, "Hey, I'll see you late on Sunday." He's holding his end of the bargain up, I didn't hold mine. But that's OK, that's the way it works. Everybody's really good, that's the bottom line.

**Q. In your experience as someone who's leading or chasing, I guess particularly for someone who's chasing, like would you have rather been staring the guy in the face that you're going up or be in the group behind?**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** I've had success and failure both ways if you will. I've had both ends of the coin. It doesn't matter. The way I look at it is my opponent is the golf course, not the gentleman or gentlemen that I'm competing with. If I start being concerned about what they're doing with their golf ball or golf shots, then this golf course here is going to eat my lunch. So I've got to stay right where I'm at.

**Q. At what point tomorrow does that change, Zach?**

**ZACH JOHNSON:** I'll start looking at the boards if need be, but I don't know. It's a feel thing, you know? I think Smitty and I've got a good protocol or, I don't know, recipe in that regard how to navigate that.

You know, it's one of those things like you can feel it, you know? I mean, if I don't play well, I won't even look at it, right? If I'm playing OK, I might want to take a gander at some point. Not sure how much it's going to influence or dictate what I do.

At the same time, there could be a few shots where you pinch your line in a little bit more or maybe venture to hit a golf club that you might push it a little bit. So there's that, but that won't be until the latter part of the round.