ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTE
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ZACH JOHNSON (-17)

Q. Three-under bogey free, but I'm guessing the greens didn't cooperate the way you wanted?

ZACH JOHNSON: Yeah, I don't know. I mean, probably not. I had ample opportunity. I'd say the first probably six holes I had -- it's not like I was knocking pins down. I hit some really good shots that didn't pan out, which was kind of frustrating. I played really good on the back nine, I just didn't score. I hit some really good wedge shots that I didn't probably overly execute on it. And I say that, I missed probably a seven-footer and a seven-footer, but I made a phenomenal par putt twice.

You know, I don't know if it all evens out. I made a few yesterday. Very proud of the way I played today. With the exception of maybe the 11th, which I thought I played smart, you know, it was a pretty boring day. I have a lot of pride in boring days and I look forward to those.

Usually my putter can do some talking. And I say that, it's not like I'm knocking -- we're talking 20-footers here. I'm not trying -- I wasn't hitting it to five feet. Probably evened out.

But I feel good, my game's good. Excited for the Champions Cup, Skechers Champions Cup.

Q. How often did you look at leaderboards today, if at all?

ZACH JOHNSON: I've got to go back and -- I think I asked my caddie on the par 3. Was that 12, 10, 13. I hit a good shot in there to about, oh, man, probably 10 feet, 11 feet. I'm like, hey, I've probably got to know now. He's like, I think we're either tied for one back. Whoa, OK, I had no idea. It's not like there's massive roars going on. At that point it was -- I needed to know and I still executed great shots, I just didn't make a putt.

Q. How many people are in the position you are to have a chance to win a season-ending championship, it all comes down to the final round? I wonder if you can take us through what it's like to be in that moment.

ZACH JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean, it's why you practice, it's why you work. I mean, for me personally, my motivation is, if I'm going to go down the list, number one is to glorify my savior; number two is to compete, because I love it; and number three is to utilize the gifts that I've been given.

I love being in the hunt. I can get really specific. I like being in the hunt on Friday having to

make cuts on the PGA Tour. It's not where you want to be, but at the same time it's going to happen and I enjoy that.

I've always said it and I'll keep saying it. I may not make it, but I want the ball. I want to take that last shot. Coach puts me in, I'm going to shoot it. It may not go in, but I'm going to shoot it, and I'm going to shoot it again the next time, too.

I love having to execute in duress-filled situations. I don't always come out, but I learn a lot every time. Every now and again I get one.

Q. Stewart Cink, our Charles Schwab Cup champion, what was it like battling it out over the last few weeks with him?

ZACH JOHNSON: Well, you're talking about not only one of my best friends but I would say one of my life's, jeez Louise, confidants in a lot of regards.

We had about a 50-minute discussion on the bridge at wherever The Open was in Northern Ireland -- help me out, guys -- Royal Portrush last year just talking about the Champions Tour. That was when it started. That's when we started -- I talk to him a lot but I haven't really seen him the last two years, three years maybe since he got out here.

He's been a great resource for me let alone a competitor of mine. I'm telling you, if I'm not going to hoist that trophy and he can or is, I'm going to be the first one after Lisa to give him a handshake or a hug because I love the guy. He's a champion, and he won it. It's not like I made a bunch of bogeys coming in. He went out and won it. That's what you want to see. I am absolutely not surprised.

Q. What is it like competing against someone you're so close with like Cink?

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Q. What is it like competing against someone you're so close with like him?

ZACH JOHNSON: I think it's amazing. I mean, we both have the same perspective on things. Like we played the first day together on Thursday and before we teed off on Thursday we said a prayer on the first tee. Like, you know what? We're going to go give it our best and to God give the glory because that's what it's about. We love to compete and we'll be the first ones again to hug the other guy if he has success on the golf course. We're looking through the same lens on a lot of things.

And what I appreciate about Stewart is that he just works hard. He's a hard worker but he keeps it in stride, too. You all know him, he's the best. He's a phenomenal player, I mean a phenomenal player, but a much better human being.

Q. This is still really fresh, what an amazing year you put together.

ZACH JOHNSON: Thank you.

Q. And it could be a precursor of what we see for many years, you and your friend dueling in tournaments. I don't know if you thought much about what the journey ahead is going to be like?

ZACH JOHNSON: Well, I'm encouraged and excited about the journey. At the same time, not to shun your question, I'm so about like next week. I'm trying to get better now so whatever happens down the road I can fully accept. Given the amount of talent out here, obviously Stewart being in great shape and still pounding the golf ball and working hard, it wouldn't surprise me if he gets more of these.

I would love an opportunity at some point. I'm not going to say it's my goal because my goal is to get better each week. If the Charles Schwab Cup is a part of that at some point, that would be an amazing blessing.

The other side of this is there's a lot of guys coming. This tour's going to get younger. Not in actual numbers but there's 48-, 49-year-olds coming and they're good. I don't want to say I've got to get my licks now, but I love that, I welcome that. You want to play against the best.

I just think the PGA Tour Champions is an amazing opportunity to compete at 50-plus. I didn't think it would be this good. I told you all earlier this week it's the best tour I ever competed on.

Q. When you first started the season with this tour, did you imagine at all that you would be competing for not just the title for this tournament but also the season's points title?

ZACH JOHNSON: No, I don't really operate that way. I just so try to get better each day and whatever comes my way I fully accept good or bad. I know the valleys are good. I actually look forward to them because I'm going to learn more then than I do when I play well. But I love winning golf tournaments, I love to compete.

No, I didn't know what to anticipate, but that's OK. You know, I had an opportunity to win it and played my butt off.