

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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ZACH JOHNSON (-4)

Q. Zach, first time around Silverado in competition, what are your thoughts, man?

ZACH JOHNSON: I love it. I liked it the moment I stepped foot on it, played the front nine on Monday. Yeah, it's good. You can't fake it around here, it's right out in front of you. There's maybe a couple lines on some tee shots and perhaps even a couple approach shots where you've got to pay attention to the greens and slope, but once you see it for the first time or even twice, which I was able to, I think you can get pretty acquainted. It's a very classic golf course.

Q. When I saw your name in the field and I thought Silverado North, I thought this seems like a perfect fit. Do you feel that way?

ZACH JOHNSON: That's kind of what my caddie and I were talking about. I kind of feel like it's perfect, but I've also played golf courses and been like, man, this place is custom for me and I play terrible. And vice versa, you know, I'm like this place isn't good and I play great.

It's a golf course -- I think I get why people would say it favors someone that hits it moderately straight, plays boring golf, I understand that. At the same time, you have to execute here. The fairways are very narrow and the greens were receptive today quite early and they're going to start to get firm as the week goes on or even today as the week goes on. But you have to pay attention, it still has some teeth.

Q. Was there any special work done on the game over the brief off period for you?

ZACH JOHNSON: Yeah, I had two weeks off. It wasn't like it was that much time, but I did, I did some things with my coach. We kind of plotted out some goals and I would say a minor assessment, but for the most part I felt good the latter part of the year. Came off a great round my last round at the BMW and it's kind of bled into this week fortunately. So it's really just a matter of execution, sticking to my keys and just executing shots and waiting for things to happen. I got off to a good start, that always helps. I feel like I left a lot out there. I mean, I missed one green and I putted it on that green. I had some opportunities.