

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: JEFF MAGGERT
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Q. Seemed like the back nine was your friend today. What was going right on that final stretch?

JEFF MAGGERT: Yeah, it's kind of the opposite of yesterday; I had a good start on the front and today was a good finish on the back. Just again putting was good, hit the ball close to the hole quite a bit. I didn't drive the ball particularly well today but my misses were in places where I could kind of still manage to get some pars. So all in all, good solid play again, six birdies and an eagle. Made eight birdies yesterday, so I'm not complaining.

Q. The approach on 18, do you even entertain that given the hole location yesterday versus today?

JEFF MAGGERT: Well, obviously I missed the fairway into the bunker, but to be honest with you, it was the best angle to shoot at that flag. I had a good lie in the bunker, so actually a bad drive turned out to be a good one there. So I was able to be a little bit more aggressive and shoot towards the flag, for sure.

Q. It's not easy to go wire for wire, but you played well on the front nine, you played well on the back nine. Do you feel confident that you can do it this weekend?

JEFF MAGGERT: Well, just halfway done, so I just need to keep playing well and putting well and just trying to move forward and, you know, not pay attention to what's going on behind me and try to shoot as many birdies as I can.

Q. Jeff, shot sequence on the eagle?

JEFF MAGGERT: The tee shot was straight downwind. We were getting that little kind of a storm cell nearby, I guess, so we got a pretty good extra push on the tee shots and only had like 220 to the hole there. Hit just kind of a soft hybrid and had a good line on it. It hit soft for me and just rolled about eight feet past the cup.

Q. How about birdies on the last two?

JEFF MAGGERT: 17, I drove it in the bunker there and had to lay up, probably a good thing. If I would have been in the fairway, I probably would have been tempted to shoot at the green there. So I laid it up, hit a nice wedge in there and made a good putt. 18, just drove it left in the bunker and was a little disappointed with my tee shot but turned out to be a great angle to shoot at the flag.

Q. Maybe it's respect for your playing partners and stuff, but I didn't see any reaction from you when you grabbed a share of the lead. Is that because it's Friday or is that

just your personality?

JEFF MAGGERT: Yeah, it's a long ways to go. There's a lot of good players on the leaderboard. There's one thing you learn after 30 years of pro golf is you don't pay attention to the leaderboard a whole lot, you just try to focus in on your game. The leaderboard doesn't really come into play until maybe back nine on Sunday, so just keep playing hard and making birdies.