

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: GARY HALLBERG
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GARY HALLBERG: Yeah, I'm real pleased with my day. I went out, the wind was very swirly. What I mean by that is you're over the ball and you're feeling it 20-mile an hour behind you and then when you hit it, it was in your face. It was real difficult with the swirling winds. The hills around here I suppose make it that way and that was what made it so tough out there.

Q. Now what kind of number do you think, let's say 68's the norm for the leaders, what do you think you need tomorrow to have a chance?

GARY HALLBERG: Oh, boy, that's -- I don't want to think about that. If I go out and do what I'm doing and playing kind of stress-free golf, I know where I'm hitting the ball right now, so I don't want to jinx. I shouldn't have said that. Just go keep doing what I'm doing, you know. I know everybody's having some trouble on the greens, they're difficult, a lot of grain, and the winds are swirling. So I don't know, I'm just, I'm going to try not to think about it.

Q. Talk obviously about what you did today but just in general your situation out here, can you kind of just fill me in? You're not obviously exempt. How difficult is that to deal with week after week?

GARY HALLBERG: Well, yeah, I mean, at my age do I go home to the pasture and do something else right now or do I keep going as long as I can still compete, and I chose the latter. I'm playing -- I went through some health issues the last couple years so I'm kind of fighting back. I have some goals I want to achieve so I'm real motivated at my age. I'll try to scratch and claw all I can to get in and see if I can get back out here full exempt and that's for me the ultimate challenge, what I'm doing.

Q. For like a week like this week, when do you know for certain you're playing in this tournament?

GARY HALLBERG: Well, in this case I didn't know until a few weeks before, but that's okay, my wife's used to that. You just kind of -- you're traveling, your schedules are really, you set them weekly. I don't mind that. Like I said, I would like to see if I could play my way back out here full time and I'll get in a bunch of tournaments, but it makes it more difficult when you're not really sure.

Q. I know you've still got another round to go, but just considering your situation, not being exempt, and then in a major playing like you're playing so far, what has been clicking this week and just the thought process and the feeling of being able to play that well when it is kind of a scuffle from tournament to tournament?

GARY HALLBERG: You know, that's the question. That's a good question. You know, I'm just trying to play to my strengths and not try things that are the miraculous shot. I'm just playing simple, I'm playing my game. I'm trying to keep it simple, and that for me, it's very difficult. You know, I'm kind of ADD and all that stuff that they talk about, but I'm just trying to just one shot at a time like everybody else does. I'm seeing some results so I'm real happy.

Q. What about today's round, was there anything in particular that was a key for you?

GARY HALLBERG: Well, every round I felt like I'm playing so good and I keep backing myself up. But I just, you know, I'm hitting it down the fairway and I'm hitting some good irons and I'm just -- I feel like I've got a good temperament going on right now. I've got a great caddie, Reed Cochran, he's a great guy and we're clicking pretty good. Tomorrow's another day and I'm just going to go practice for a little bit. My sponsor's here in town, P&S Transportation Logistics and they're great people, I've been staying with them, so it's been a real relaxing week for me.

Q. Last thing, I know you said shot to shot, day to day, do you allow yourself to think what a win in a major would do for your career?

GARY HALLBERG: Well, here's how it works. Your mind starts going there and you have to stop it in its tracks and think of something else, and that's the challenge.