



Q. Justin, I saw the thumb with a little tape on there. You want to let everybody know what's going on with the finger first? Good playing.

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, thanks. Yeah, the thumb, it's a tendon really on the top side of my thumb that really only hurts on chip shots and pitch shots, so it was good motivation to try and hit as many greens as possible. Didn't hurt at all with the full swings. I think it's a little flare up, I have no idea why or how. Yeah, played a decent amount of golf the last month and this wraps up the west coast for me and obviously a decent day today. Obviously a lot to take away from the west coast and be happy about and lots to improve as well. I don't really feel like I'm firing on all cylinders and to kind of be up near the top end of the leaderboard in a few tournaments has been has been good feedback.

Q. In the B flight this week with DJ kind of doing what he's doing. The game, a lot to improve on and you're right there, top-10s.

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, exactly. That's the encouraging thing. I need to sharpen up my iron play. I'm not comfortable with any iron shot coming into the green right now, but driving the ball well, feel like I'm making some good inroads on my putting. Normally iron play's my bread and butter, so if I can get that going. It's always the way with this game, you figure something else out and another part of your game slips up. Obviously DJ was fun to play with the first couple days, he's playing great. He's driving it 340 and making 30-footers, so probably rightly World No. 1 after this week.

Q. 36-hole day --

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah.

Q. -- makes for a long day, huh?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, it is a long day. I feel good though, I feel fresh. I keep playing these tournaments with runaway leaders where I try and finish second. That's kind of the grind out there. Certainly aware of my position and such a bunched leaderboard this week, you couldn't really afford any slipups coming down the stretch to try and capitalize upon the scraps this week. Obviously the scraps are quite lucrative and there's a lot of FedExCup points and world ranking points especially this week with a strong field. So there's always something on the line coming down the stretch.

Q. Seven weeks away from Augusta, how do you sum things up at this point?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, lots to be positive about. I think still a work in progress, which is what I like. I think I would hate to be on fire right now and trying to hold on for seven weeks.

I've got that room to grow into Augusta. Hopefully that's the case, we'll see, but obviously a good west coast for me and a lot to be I guess proud of and a lot to work on and a lot to take away from it.

Q. How impressive has DJ been?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, he just makes it look easy, right? He's one of those natural born kind of golfers. He just moves so differently to anyone else. I look at his swing, it's not a swing you can copy. He's got that sort of ability to sort of -- he's so elastic and so mobile that he can swing it that way. Obviously the driver is his weapon, he drives it so straight now as well. When he makes putts, which is what he's doing, it's a good combo.

Q. At what point was it clear that he was going to win the tournament and that it was really out of range for anyone else?

JUSTIN ROSE: I don't really know but today only. Obviously --

Q. I meant sometime today.

JUSTIN ROSE: I forget what part of the day, but it looked like once he got about four ahead he looked pretty comfortable. I saw he was at about 15 already. I kind of had in the back of mind if I could get to 14 today at the start of the day, then I might have a chance. Clearly that was not going to have a chance, but 14 was my secret goal today, yeah.