

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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CHESSON HADLEY (- 11)

Q. Chesson, well, there's not much I can say, I'm just going to let you describe that round of golf today.

CHESSON HADLEY: It's just one of those days everything was going my way. I was hitting great shots, good putts, got some good breaks, and when you just kind of get that much momentum it seems things just kind of go your way. I didn't play that bad yesterday but just kind of felt like I grinded for an even par. So to come out and do what I did today is pretty special. So it's not my lowest -- it's my lowest total in 11 under but I shot 60 before, which was 10 under, so that was really cool to break my own, I guess, score to par. Certainly my lowest round on the PGA Tour and it was a good time to do it.

Q. Was 59 in your mind as you were coming down the final --

CHESSON HADLEY: Absolutely. You know, after I birdied I guess it was maybe 13 and 14 and 15. 15, that's not an easy hole. And I made a great putt on 14. And 16, 17, 18 are all birdie holes if you hit good shots. Rolled it up there stiff on 16, which was great. I hit a good wedge shot on 17, which I'm sure you guys saw. Obviously just had too much juice on it but that was a great up-and-down to kind of keep it alive. And obviously hit a really poor drive on 18 and I hit a good wedge and 61 was as good as I could do today, but I'll take it again tomorrow if you give it to me.

Q. Former PGA Tour winner, go back to Web.com Tour, you had the emotional victory there. What's it feel like to be back out here now?

CHESSON HADLEY: It's very nice. You get in a dark spot like I've said. You just get going in the wrong direction and you can think some really bad thoughts. I was very fortunate enough to kind of resurrect myself with some hard work and some amazing people on my side. So this is, it's very pleasing to be out here and to play like this today is great and I certainly put myself right in this golf tournament.

Q. A new tournament record for Chesson Hadley, a 61. How were you able to go to low today?

CHESSON HADLEY: Well, iron play was excellent and I made some putts, which is always huge. Once you kind of get the momentum going, it just -- sometimes you can just -- everything just seems to go your way and it did today, which was great. And I had a shot at 59, didn't pull it off, but it's certainly nice to play well and put myself in contention going into the weekend.

Q. Birdied 16, you get to 9 under. You do the math, a couple birdies in, you could have shot the number. Was that on your mind at all?

CHESSON HADLEY: Oh, absolutely. I knew I had to birdie the last two or par or eagle or whatever. You know, certainly I was nervous and juiced up, but I felt under control so that was great. I hit a good wedge on 17, I just hit it too hard. I just flushed it. So that was a nice up-and-down to give myself a nice opportunity on the last hole and didn't get it done. But we still have 36 more holes of golf to play and put myself in a good spot for the weekend.

Q. Magical round like this, for the fans at home, kind of break down what it's like inside?

CHESSON HADLEY: You know, it is kind of a lot of what you think it would be. In complete control and you feel good and you see the lines on your putts great and you're hitting your wedges well and your irons are dialed in. It really is, it's just kind of magic out there when you're doing that. These rounds don't come often and I feel like I made the most of it today. Very pleased. I don't know if it was a course record or what, but very happy to have shot 11 under, for sure.

Q. Don't see 61s out here too often.

CHESSON HADLEY: I should have said something about Puerto Rico, I totally forgot about that. We're donating money this week to, is it Samaritans Purse? So that was great to play like I did and give myself two more rounds to try and make some money for Puerto Rico.

Q. Based on birdies?

CHESSON HADLEY: Yeah. We haven't completely figured out a dollar amount yet. It's mainly just to bring awareness to the immense tragedy that's going on down there right now. You know, I've seen some pictures and it's just -- there's not much left. It's really sad. So Puerto Rico, with me winning there, that's what kind of put me on the map out here. It was my lone Tour victory, so certainly just want to do something to give back to someplace that's been very good to me.

Q. So you obviously shot even par yesterday, did you see this coming at all?

CHESSON HADLEY: You know, no, you never really -- you certainly go out there and try to do the best you can. Sometimes what happens is you have that great nine and then you kind of stall out a little bit. You're still hitting well but the putts maybe aren't falling and you don't execute an easy shot from the fairway or something, so you end up shooting 5, 7 under. But today everything just kind of kept going. I was getting -- you know, my ball comes out exactly how I think it's going to come out of the rough today, which it doesn't always do that, rarely does it do that, and I'm making putts. So it was a pretty magical round from start to finish.

Q. When did it cross your mind about the 59?

CHESSON HADLEY: I guess whenever I birdied 13 or whichever hole it was, I think that got me to 8. It either got me to 8 or 9 and so I knew I had to make three more or four more. And then I birdied the next hole and then I stuck it in there stiff on the par 3 and I made that, which was nice. I knew at that point there was a chance because 16, 17, 18 you can do it. And I birdied 16, which was great, and I put it where I needed to be on 17 and just hit my wedge a little too hard. I hit it exactly how I wanted to but I hit it over the green.

But made a nice up-and-down and gave myself on the last with a wedge and ended up shooting 61 and that's certainly nothing to hang your head about. But you don't get many chances at 59, so I was aware of it and I was certainly trying to do it, but at the same time you've got to be aware you can't do anything stupid because you're trying to win a golf tournament.