
Q. What was your level of frustration with the putter today?

JORDAN SPIETH: Oh, higher than yesterday. Yeah, I mean, four three-putts in the first eight holes. It's one of those where you look at the scoreboard and you're like, man, what if. It was mainly just speed that was off. You can't continue to have four-, five-footers for par out here. I've hit something like 40 of my last 41 greens and I've played those holes 7 under. I mean, that's frustrating.

But I feel better about it than I have in the weeks past. It's made progress this week. Today I just got a little anxious trying to get out there early and make a statement, and the greens sped up a good foot today and I just didn't make that adjustment.

Q. You said yesterday it was mission accomplished after two rounds, anything else is icing. Is that still the case or does today's round give you more things to work on tomorrow?

JORDAN SPIETH: Well, it certainly gives me more things to work on. It's not like it -- you know, it's not like I wanted to stop that at all. It's more I was glad I had a chance, and today was about putting myself in position to have those kind of feelings of trying to win on Sunday again that I haven't had in quite a while. Now the only way to do that is a good front nine tomorrow.

But as you saw Ian did today, you can come from way back and take the lead. I just need to be the leader after Round 4, which would probably require a round like he shot today.

I did a really good job on the back nine, even though the putter wasn't there, of digging deep and finding 2 under coming in that allowed me to at least have a fighting chance.

Q. I always admired your ability to grind out a round. Obviously it wasn't the start you wanted, but still you kept yourself in contention playing the final nine 2 under.

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, it's just the same, anything that got off on the greens today was just the stuff that I'm working on. I didn't make an adjustment in speed and I got a little bit anxious to start. I had four three-putts on the first eight holes, a couple of them from inside 15 feet, and that was just me. My eyes are still not quite matching the putter, but they're very close. You know, I got off on that first hole and it took me about another nine or 10 before I started to really feel comfortable again.

So the first two rounds I birdied my first hole. If I get something to go early in the round

tomorrow, it could be a special day.

Q. You still hit 16 of 18 greens.

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, 17, one-putt from the fringe. I hit all of them yesterday, had a couple fringe putts, and I hit a lot the day before. So ball striking-wise, man, it's right where it needs to be. It's just about kind of capitalizing, being patient enough today. I just wasn't patient with the golf course, I just tried to do too much too early in the round. So tomorrow I've set a goal, try and make three birdies a side, and then kind of see what happens in the last three holes.