

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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JASON DAY (-10)



Q. A lot of good things, some not so good. What was the trouble?

JASON DAY: I just didn't hit enough fairways today, hit four out of 14 fairways, which is quite poor. When I was on the fairway, actually gave myself a decent chance of making birdie. I'll just tidy that up for tomorrow. I think I know what I need to do. I'm going to go to the range and kind of work on it a little bit. I'm happy with the way things are.

The fairways and the greens are starting to bake out a little bit more, so if that's the case, then it will be tough scoring conditions in the afternoon tomorrow. We're going to get maybe 90 degrees tomorrow afternoon, so the course is going to play pretty dang fast, so I'm excited about that.

Q. That's what it looked like, definitely looked like the fairways and greens started to firm up. Was there a point where you really started to notice that?

JASON DAY: Kind of on the back nine you could kind of tell. You know, coming through like 8, 9, it was still pretty receptive, and once you hit the back side, things started to really kind of bake out. Obviously we had hardly any clouds today, it was high 80s today, so it was kind of baking out nicely. Once you started that turn, things started rolling pretty good.

Q. (No microphone.)

JASON DAY: Yeah, I mean, back four shots, so hit four fairways today. I'm actually pretty pleased being able to shoot 1 under today with how tight the fairways are and how gnarly the rough can be in certain places out there. You know, when I'm on the fairway, I feel like I give myself a good opportunity at making birdie, but just tidy it up for tomorrow.

Q. Obviously you've been close here a couple of times and it's --

JASON DAY: It would be nice to win. Like you said, there was one moment where I had the lead with, I think, three holes left and I didn't end up getting it done. But for the most part, I'm sad to see it go because this is such a good golf tournament. The people are great and the golf course is tremendous. Bridgestone's been a massive supporter for the PGA TOUR for a long time. I've just got to go out there and hit more fairways. If I can do that, that would be great and give myself the opportunities.

It's starting to bake out. The fairways are firm, they're starting to firm out and the greens are starting to firm up, too. So I think with how things are going to progress tomorrow with the weather and it being up around 90, the scores will probably stay right around where they

need to be.

Q. A major like situation tomorrow, that works in your favor?

JASON DAY: I hope so. I mean, I'm not too pleased with how I'm putting right now. Just the last putt on the 18th was an easy putt, it was just downhill left to right, just a little outside the cup and I blasted it through the break. When my speed is off, that's a little concerning to me, but I'm going to go and work on it, hit some balls on the range, work on my speed and see how it goes.

Q. Do you know what was wrong with your driving?

JASON DAY: Well, I just couldn't quite contact it properly on the face. I think the last one down 18, I heeled it and that's why you see a big cut and the wind's off the left. Makes it even worse than what it looks like. Yeah, it's really close. When I come through the ball, I just feel like I'm just maybe a degree open with the face. And I know that for a fact because I've been hitting balls long enough to know exactly when I look at a ball flight, that's not so much the path, it's more face. So just try and be able to get those hands rolling a little bit more, see it starting to turn right to left.

Q. So you're confident?

JASON DAY: I know what the fix is, but it's really hard to do. It's hard to go from here to here. It's probably a degree or less and that's probably one second on the actual clock of a face. So that's very difficult to do at 120, 125 miles an hour.

Q. Chasing down Justin, he's obviously a very prolific winner. What's it going to take to try and win?

JASON DAY: Well, tomorrow's a different story. It's Sunday, so there's a lot more pressure on all of us to go out there and try to perform. The course is going to be totally different than what we had on Thursday, Friday, even a little bit different to what we had today. It's like Ben said, it's going to be a prolific golf course, it's going to feel like a major. I've just got to keep my head down, move forward and try and just slowly inch my way up the leaderboard. I don't know what the winning score will be, but if I can get myself somewhat close on the back side, there's not many more days left, you've got to go out there and perform so I'm excited about that.