

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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MARC LEISHMAN (-9)



Q. How do you feel going into tomorrow? Do you feel too far back, or how's the game feel?

MARC LEISHMAN: How far back am I?

Q. Right now you're 6.

MARC LEISHMAN: 6? I don't think I'm too far back. It's one of those courses where if you're on, you can make a lot of birdies, get on a run. On the other hand, if your game's a little bit off and you're missing fairways, you can make a few bogeys out there. So if I shoot a low one tomorrow, obviously the leaders will have to help out a little bit, but there's no reason why I can't shoot 7, 8 under and give them a run for their money.

Q. Are you pretty excited about the PGA next week given what you've seen these last three rounds?

MARC LEISHMAN: Yeah. I feel like this week I've improved as the week's gone on, particularly my driving. I drove it really well today. My bad shots, I know exactly why I'm hitting them, so that's a bonus, I can work on that. But it's simple things.

No, I'm happy with where my game's at, feeling good over the putter, over the ball. Yeah, definitely excited about next week. You know, excited about tomorrow, too. It's a big day tomorrow and hopefully I can have a low one and see how it goes.

Q. Marc, did you notice anything amiss with Tiger today? He didn't say it, but he looked a little off from what we've seen just in terms of energy and maybe just even his swing.

MARC LEISHMAN: Yeah, I mean, everyone has days like that. Like anything, some mornings you wake up and you feel great and others you don't. He wasn't hitting as far as what he normally does. I mean, his good stuff, it's still good, he's right there. I think he might have had an off day. I wouldn't put it down to anything more than that.

Q. So I take it he didn't say, God, I feel awful today?

MARC LEISHMAN: I don't think he'd ever say that. No, I'm sure he's fine. Yeah, like I said, we all have off days and today, unfortunately for him, he was a little flat. But I'm sure he'll be out tomorrow and I'm sure he's very motivated to have a really low one his last one around here in this tournament.

Q. (No microphone.)

MARC LEISHMAN: How we could?

Q. How you could have a major.

MARC LEISHMAN: Yeah, we spoke about that. Yeah, it wouldn't take much at all, narrow the fairways a little bit, grow the rough, and especially if it was firm. If it was firm, you don't have to do anything to the golf course to have a major here. I think it would be a great venue for a major. Yeah, we spoke about that briefly, yeah.

Q. Are you using the new golf ball?

MARC LEISHMAN: The new golf ball? Yes, I am.

Q. What do you think about it?

MARC LEISHMAN: The new Callaway ball?

Q. Yes.

MARC LEISHMAN: I think it's great. It's quite long off the tee and very spinny around the greens so I can -- a lot of the shots that you need to stop it quickly, I can do that. It's more of an advantage when the conditions are firm and fast. When it's soft, it doesn't matter really what ball you use, but certainly when it's firm, it's a big advantage to use the ball I'm using and have it spin as much as it is.

Q. Does the heat take its toll on a day like this?

MARC LEISHMAN: I mean, we prepare for it. I guess it's good preparation for next week. It wasn't terribly -- it wasn't brutal out there, I didn't think. It's going to be a lot hotter next week, I would imagine. We play in this every week, if not hotter. Yeah, I guess we're a bit more used to it than people that live up here or whatever, yeah.