

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**August 4, 2018**

**IAN POULTER (-11)**



**Q. Ian, I know through the first two rounds you were really pleased, like there wasn't much that went wrong. What was the little bit of difference today?**

**IAN POULTER:** The course is drying up a lot. I didn't think it would dry this much, but when you look at the forecast, hot, blue sky today, definitely kind of changed some of the second shots into some of those pin locations, and it was tricky. A little bit of wind out there, a couple of tough pin positions, you definitely saw a different golf course today to what you did the first two days.

**Q. Still, obviously hitting the ball well, rolling the ball well. What will be the key for you tomorrow as you try to chase another WGC title?**

**IAN POULTER:** Be super aggressive, try not to make any silly mistakes. If the golf course keeps firming up, which I'm sure it will overnight, it's going to be tricky tomorrow. It's not an easy course. We've seen, you know, it give up plenty of birdies over the first couple of days, some more today. Hopefully, I can pull up on those, make plenty of them and hopefully get close.

**Q. You told us the last couple days how you've changed your focus, this being a Ryder Cup year. You've been in these situations before, I know you always like to have a lead, but how much do you like being able to go in there in the final round, have a shot, grind it out and get this victory?**

**IAN POULTER:** Huge buzz. To be in contention, I've done it more probably this year than I have in previous years. It's a great feeling. That's why you practice, that's why you put the hours in and it's why you enjoy the game of golf, to get the adrenaline rush you get when you're right there having to hole a 15-footer or even a three-footer. It makes all the practice worthwhile. You can enjoy it and it's a great rush.

**Q. How much did today test every part of your game physically and mentally?**

**IAN POULTER:** Yeah, it definitely was a little trickier today than the first couple of days. The course is firming up, ball's kind of running out in the fairways and a couple of clever pin positions. If you get a little bit offline, which is easy to do, it makes second shots that much more difficult. Made a couple of bogeys today, four bogeys I think I had on the card. It would be nice not to have them tomorrow. It would be nice to keep some red numbers on the board. Hopefully, I'll go close around the back nine.

**Q. Given the conditions of the golf course (inaudible), grind out level par?**

**IAN POULTER:** Yeah, when you've got a packed leaderboard like we have and you've got, you know, Justin and Rory and Jason Day and those guys, whenever you're right there or thereabouts going into Sunday, I'm going to have a chance. So starting this week, tied 13th I think was my best ever result. I'm tied 2nd right now. So huge improvement and a little bit of work left to do and hopefully we can do it.

**Q. What kind of golf should we expect to see from you tomorrow and how much would it mean to you to make it three out of four WGCs here?**

**IAN POULTER:** Three out of four would be amazing. I'm going to need some inspiration from Thursday, going clean, not making any mistakes and just have some fun. I'm in a great position, I'm enjoying my golf. It's great being up that end of the leaderboard. It's a lot of fun. I mean, there's nothing more to say about it. I'll sleep well, I'll get up and we'll going to have some fun tomorrow.