

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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MARK HUBBARD (-10)

Q. Mark, after yesterday's tough conditions, what were the challenges going out there today?

MARK HUBBARD: Yeah, I think today probably condition-wise played a little easier, but the pins were really good today. It seemed like every pin location, you were fighting the winds. You could never really use the wind to kind of work it in there. It was kind of a battle, just hitting a lot of good shots that were ending up like 30 feet, a lot of lag putting. So I think just staying patient was the biggest key.

Q. We had a couple guys say if it was a south wind today, it might have been a real easy golf course because of where the pins were. You were working against them all day long and it seemed like were the greens a little faster than they have been? They looked a little quick around the hole, for sure.

MARK HUBBARD: I think there was a lot of front pins, which means most guys were putting from behind the hole, which means you were kind of downhill, down grain, so that's probably why they looked a little quicker. I think the speed was pretty similar to yesterday.

Q. Thoughts going into tomorrow? You're in a good spot.

MARK HUBBARD: Yeah, I'm in a good spot. I was thinking that putt on the last might get me in the last group, so I really wanted to make it and I'm glad I did. I'm just excited for the challenge.

Q. (No microphone.)

MARK HUBBARD: I had a few looks before that and we were struggling a little bit to read the greens. Then I also kind of figured out my ball position on my putting was just a little bit too far forward, so I got a little bit back and just made a little adjustment. I think on 14 I realized it. And then from then on I started rolling it right down my line and made a few.

Q. On the back nine this week, you're 9 under par. You birdied 13 and 16 every day. What is it about the back nine and those holes specifically?

MARK HUBBARD: Sixteen specifically, I've been playing the par 3s really well, but just the energy on that hole is fun, so you always want to hit a good shot, you always want to make birdie. Maybe I've been playing a little bit more aggressive on some holes. I think the back nine in general for me is a little easier. I think playing the tournament this time of year, it's much tougher off the tee but easier around the greens and I think that makes the front

harder and the back easier because the tee shots are generally harder on the front. So, for me, if I can just get through the first six holes tomorrow at even par or even under par, I'm really excited about my chances.

Q. Looking forward to tomorrow, what part of your game are you most confident in when you're in contention?

MARK HUBBARD: Probably my irons, they've become the best part of my game. If it stays with the steady breeze that we've had all week, I'm pretty good at fighting the ball, so I kind of want it to blow as hard as it can tomorrow because I think that will give me an advantage. I think the biggest thing for me is I've just got to hit fairways tomorrow.