

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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HENRIK STENSON (-12)

Q. How do you feel going into tomorrow is basically what I would be curious about.

HENRIK STENSON: Fairly loose. I mean, it's been a good three days out there. I think I've certainly picked up a little bit of momentum from that last practice session with Pete in Dubai on the longer stuff, and I've hit a lot of good iron shots and kept the ball fairly well in play despite hitting it in the sand trap on the last here off the tee last.

Yeah, it's been a solid week, been good on the greens inside 10 feet, I'd say, but not really converted enough between 15 to 20. I've had a few good birdie chances around there, but it's been hard to find the lines and kind of reading the grain on these greens. Yeah, we could have been a few shots better for sure, but all in all, I'm pleased.

Q. How much of a boost can this thing be for you, even though it's a nice, you know, end-of-the-year event, small field, et cetera?

HENRIK STENSON: It's always nice with a top-20 to finish the year, right?

Q. It must do something for you?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, absolutely. More than anything, I'm just trying to stay with the process on the swing, and what I've kind of gained momentum with on that end and try and build confidence and trust in it and so far so good. We'll see if we can carry out another good round tomorrow, but yeah, any good result is always welcome. I've slipped down a little bit in the world rankings, so it would be nice to fill up a few good points here before Santa Clause arrives.

Q. Most of the guys you're going to be battling tomorrow have a pretty big event to travel for tomorrow night. Does that give you any sort of advantage?

HENRIK STENSON: No, I don't think so. They're all keen to do a good result and to play well and try and win here tomorrow before heading down to Melbourne for the Presidents Cup. So I don't think there's any advantage in not going, not heading that way. Yeah, I'm just going to try and do my thing, and we're right up in the mix. I haven't been in contention too many times this year. It's nice to be there and hopefully we can be one of the guys to be in with a chance when it comes down to the final holes.

Q. What are your plans for next week?

HENRIK STENSON: Next week I'm going to be home in Orlando and not touch a golf club.

Well, actually, I'm going to do some driver testing with Callaway on Thursday, but other than that, it's clubs away for about three weeks, I think, four weeks. I'm going to enjoy a nice break.

Q. You play this course many times, Henrik. Do you think you have advantage over other players?

HENRIK STENSON: I think it's always good to have played a course in a tournament a lot of times. I think that's always a little advantage, but at least half of the guys here playing this week, they played plenty of tournaments down here now over these last five years and a lot of rounds. Yes, compared to the guys who haven't really been here and played a lot, I think there's always a bit of an advantage, but not compared to a good few of them who's been here a number of times already.

Q. Have you ever hit it into a sprinkler cup two holes in a row and did you think about maybe needing your eyes checked?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, it was obviously the wrong hole I hit it into. I guess we're recorders, you might say there could be worse holes to hit it into as well. You knew we were going there when we started this, you bastard. We're not live are we? (Laughs.)

No, I just had that -- especially on the third, I kind of had to play a little chip-and-run there with a 5-wood and I just tried to aim within a foot to the right and it just snuck into it, but then I made the putt. And then on six I tried to play a pitch-and-bump short of the green and it took a couple left bounces and ended up in another one. So yeah, I'll try and stay away from the sprinklers.

Q. Tomorrow, what will be the easiest thing and what will be the hardest thing for you?

HENRIK STENSON: I think, I mean, it's never easy to win golf tournaments and I don't even know what the other guys are finishing up here. It seems to be probably four, five, six guys within a couple of shots here. It's going to be a bees nest out there. Yeah, just sticking to my things, really, and trusting these kind of new found things that I'm working on this week. It's always hard to do that for 72 holes, so we've got a challenge in that for the last 18.