

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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DUSTIN JOHNSON (-6)

Q. Dustin, another good day, back-to-back 66s, 15 of 18 greens in regulation, got up and down three times. How big of a challenge is it to get it up and down on this golf course?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, it's really difficult, especially I mean kind of depending on where you miss it. If you miss it in the right spots, you have some chances. I missed one in a bad spot, but hit a really nice pitch there to a tap-in. Yeah, for the most part, if you miss greens around here, you're going to have a tough day.

Yeah, I'm very pleased with the way I played today. Hit a lot of really good putts that I thought were going in that did not, but obviously 4 under par around here is a really good score and I think I'm going to be in a pretty decent position going into tomorrow.

Q. Obviously you saw this course for the first time early in the week. Is this a golf course that can kind of grow on you a little bit?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I think the golf course, it's a good golf course. It's challenging, which I like. You've got to play well if you want to shoot a good score. Par is not a bad score on any of the holes out here and if you just stay patient, you're going to give yourself some good looks if you're striking it well.

I think the rules officials, I've said all week, I think they've done a really good job with the setup because they could set it up -- we're playing it a lot shorter than it could play and it could play very, very difficult, but they've done a really good job.

Q. If you go back to your opening nine, five bogeys, what happened between that first nine and the last most recent rounds?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: What do you mean?

Q. Did you shake off rust? What was the difference?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Well, it was my first round since the U.S. Open in competitive golf, so it's just -- it's a difficult golf course. I was driving it well, I was driving it in the fairway and I was making bogeys from the fairway. Just a little off with the irons, just a little rusty really is all it was just with thinking and, you know, yeah, just rusty from competition. I just hadn't played. At home there's really nothing that you can simulate to simulate competition no matter how much you practice or how ready you feel like you are. Just until you get out here and you're kind of playing in competition, you don't really know where your game's at.

Yeah, I mean, obviously after the first nine holes I've played pretty solid and I like the way I'm playing, I'm swinging well. You know, seeing a lot of similarities of how I was playing back when I was playing really well a couple months ago. It's nice to get out and get some reps. The game's feeling really good going into next week and obviously we've still got another day tomorrow and I feel like I'm in a good position with a chance to win.