



**JASON DAY (-8)**

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**Q. Jason, I know it's a disappointing ending for you with a three-putt bogey. You've got 18 holes to recover and I saw a lot of good play out of you.**

**JASON DAY:** It was nice. Obviously you'd like to hole that one, which I was trying to; unfortunately I just gave it a little bit too much gas. Overall it was a solid day. I think I drove it nice, hit a lot of good iron shots and I was just very patient out there today, so it was good to see. Looking forward to tomorrow.

**Q. I think this is a hard course to decide when to be aggressive and when to be patient. For instance, the 12th hole.**

**JASON DAY:** Right.

**Q. I thought you had a really narrow window, you had to thread the needle to get that one close and you stick to it five feet. That's a really tough up-and-down.**

**JASON DAY:** A hundred percent right. If you miss that green left -- the miss, if you're going to miss the green, it's in that bunker to the right, but anything left of that pin is kind of death. Hitting back up that hill and it's very tough to judge. I think the whole group kind of was feeding off each other today, everyone was playing some nice golf out there. Once again I was just trying to be as patient as possible. I know it's a Saturday round, obviously can't win it today, you've got to just give yourself an opportunity to get into tomorrow's round.

**Q. You're the only one in that group that has won before. Do you think that's a huge advantage for you?**

**JASON DAY:** No, I don't think so. Obviously you can -- I would say that I'd probably be a little bit more calmer than both those guys, but everyone's going to be nervous on the first tee tomorrow. What I saw out of Carlos and Sam Burns, I think they're playing some pretty good golf, too, so they're going to be tough to beat tomorrow.

**Q. Your neck and back, how are they feeling and how have you rebounded so quickly from the injuries lately?**

**JASON DAY:** It's fine. I just try to balance out the body and I feel pretty good overall. No pain.

**Q. You mentioned being between patterns. What does it feel like when you're swinging well versus the move that you're trying to avoid?**

**JASON DAY:** The feel of swinging well is the drive on 18, and then anytime that I get the weak one to the right or kind of the smother draw, that's kind of in between patterns. I'm just not really pleased with it. It's just a work in progress, I've got to be patient with it. Right now I'm in contention, I'm one back going into tomorrow's round, so it's positive in regards to how I feel like I'm playing. I think the golf swing is holding up quite nicely and the body is, too.

**Q. Do you play more conservatively on the back nine given the scores that -- it's been giving a lot of players fits, or do you not really think about that while you're out there?**

**JASON DAY:** No, you don't really think about it. You've got a couple more par 5s on the front. There's definitely more opportunities like 13 and 16, like there's a couple opportunities there. If you can get yourself on the fairway, that's obviously crucial to get yourself on the fairway. If you can do that, you'll be able to kind of give yourself opportunities.