

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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PATRICK REED (-8)

Q. Patrick, before we get to the good part, what happened on the second shot on 3, the par 5?

PATRICK REED: Yeah. So I actually, my 3-wood, I have a little bit more loft on this 3-wood to kind of give me that launch into some of these holes. With having that tree in front of me, I tried to really knock that thing down and hit like a low cut. I think that's the first time I ever actually probably had enough shaft lean and enough body in front of the golf ball where I actually hit that ball on the center of the face and it had to have just literally hit right in the ground in front and it went forward. The good thing is, like I said to Kessler, we laid up to the perfect number to hit it to four feet and make birdie.

Q. You also hit two balls in the water. So after a round like this, are you feeling good because you're still in contention or are you feeling bad, what in the world happened out there?

PATRICK REED: I mean, the first one in the water on 5 literally right on the middle of the downswing with driver, my back foot slipped behind me and I pulled it left. So yeah, I need to kind of stay on my feet a little bit more rather than let the body move too much.

The second one, I'm still shocked with how that ball ended up in the water on 8. I took a club that not only was going to get over the tree, but was going to fly past the hole. If anything, we're bringing long into play, not short. When I hit it and I saw it in the air, I'm sitting there thinking this is going to fly 10, 15 feet past and it might spin. It flew short of the green.

I think basically just kind of reset. I felt like I'm still making some good golf swings and putting myself in spots that you need to in order to attack this golf course. There towards the end it was just kind of a couple head scratchers.