

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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JIM FURYK (-12)

Q. How did you expect the leaderboard to go, and the way the course was playing, looked like there was some 63s, but what was it like for you?

JIM FURYK: Fast start. Played well. I actually felt like I played better and I shot 68 all three days. I feel like I controlled the golf ball better today and had a little more confidence in my ball-striking. I think for me, I did hit a wayward drive at 11 and caught a really bad break with the second shot. Hit a pretty decent third, fourth, fifth shot, but ended up making bogey on a par-5 and that kind of killed some momentum.

Then you've got those holes, 13, 14, 15, that if you drive it well, you've got a wedge in your hand and a chance to attack and I didn't convert on three wedge shots. Made three pars. Got the par-5 11, 13, 14, 15, played those even par and then kind of put myself behind the 8-ball and had to play really aggressive 16, 17, 18. Made one birdie on the way in, misread the putt at 17, and 18's just hard to get it close. I thought I hit a really good second shot and it wasn't even close. Really, I had four -- the four birdie opportunities, four out of the five birdie opportunities on the back nine that you need, and if you include 16, I played those five holes even par and that's the difference. Play those 2 or 3 under and I'm in a playoff to win the golf tournament.

Q. How do you explain Jerry, bogeys the first and then claws his way back?

JIM FURYK: He's a fighter, he's a fighter. He likes the golf course. It helped that he made a really difficult putt at 2, about a 20-footer straight down the hill. Birdied 3, I think it was 3. Birdied 2 and 3. You kind of forget the pain of the first hole when you birdie 2 and 3 and he's 1 under par, and then he just kind of plodded along and caught some fire in the middle of that round on the back side.