

**JUSTIN ROSE (-9)**

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**Q. Second-round 65 highlighted by an eagle. Give me some comments today about your second round.**

**JUSTIN ROSE:** Yeah, very happy to obviously back up yesterday's solid round. I was aware of all the good scores that came from yesterday, yesterday's wave, morning wave. But getting out there on the golf course, it didn't feel quite as easy as I maybe thought it was going to be. The greens were a touch smoother, a little faster, but there was quite a heavy dew this morning and if you did miss the fairway, the ball was sitting down. Yeah, just kind of made the course feel a little kind of, a little different.

So happy to get up and running with my round and I guess the eagle kickstarted it. That was a really nice 5-iron I hit in there, which is a shot that I've been working on my iron play this week to kind of get the full numbers out of my iron play. Last week in Memphis I was struggling to hit my numbers and that's a shot I couldn't have hit last week, so shows I'm making some progress.

**Q. I know you have two days left, but in terms of the Playoffs and the Ryder Cup, this is sort of just what the doctor ordered to start. Would you agree?**

**JUSTIN ROSE:** Yeah, I mean, so far, so good for sure. Objective number one is to make it to the Playoffs, but two, if you're playing well this week, I know I need to finish top-10, but at the same time there's no point limiting yourself to that kind of thinking at this point. You know, winning would go a long way to kind of feel like you can compete in the Playoffs. Listen, that's all way ahead of me, but tomorrow just kind of keep doing what I'm doing. I think this golf course suits good strategy and good patience, so those are some of the things I'm going to try to continue with over the weekend.

**Q. I think that's so interesting, this idea that you know what you have to do, but at the same time you know you have to shut off that part of your brain that's like I must finish in this position in order to do this. As somebody who like chokes when he's playing corn hole, how do you do that as a professional athlete?**

**JUSTIN ROSE:** You just need to have a little bit of a bigger picture and a bit of perspective going on. So for me, for example, if I want to get back to playing some of the best golf that I've played and to compete with the best players in the world again and sort of compete in major championships, you need to be free. You need to kind of, no matter what the scenario is and what the pressure is, you need to be able to swing freely and commit. So yeah, whatever the scenarios are this week, I need to be able to swing freely and commit through coming up the 18th hole with a chance to finish top-10 or a chance to win or whatever it

might be. It's a great opportunity this week just to continue to kind of practice that kind of hopefully steppingstone back towards playing great.

**Q. Do you think that's what distinguishes people who play well under pressure versus people who don't? Is that really to find freedom in something that should be or could be restrictive and nervous?**

**JUSTIN ROSE:** Yeah, for sure. I look at a lot of the tennis players, actually. I look at Nadal, Djokovic, and Federer, when they're 15-30 down, they swing for the lines. They don't start chipping it back into the middle of the court, they commit to their shots. Sometimes I find it easier to learn from other sports than I do in my own arena, probably just stubbornness of looking at other players and wanting to learn from them, but definitely when I see tennis players, yeah, they commit 100 percent.

**Q. Are you more of a Federer probably than a Nadal?**

**JUSTIN ROSE:** Yeah, to be honest, you're spoilt for choice in tennis, but yeah, the grace and elegance with which Roger's gone about his business and how he plays tennis, he's a pretty good role model.