

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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DICKY PRIDE (-10, lost first playoff hole)

Q. Dicky, I know it's not the outcome that you wanted right now, but you already have a win in your rookie season here. How proud of yourself are you to accomplish what you have in your first year on the PGA TOUR Champions?

DICKY PRIDE: Oh, I'm very proud of it. You know, it was a good week, it was a bad playoff, but it was a culmination on 15 and 16 I tried to make two putts and I jammed them right through the break. Made the putts coming back to keep myself in it. All I was trying to do was just roll the ball where I was looking and I did and I didn't hit it hard enough, but that's the way it goes.

My kids are back in college, Isabelle and Fletcher, so Kim and I are officially empty nesters and she's out with me this week, so that's a great start.

Just thank Stephens. And we've got the new bag, we've got the Ronald McDonald House Charities bag out this week, which is great because it's a wonderful organization, does a lot of great things for a lot of families that need it.

Q. Well, we appreciate it. You should be proud of yourself; your first year on the PGA TOUR Champions, a win, a playoff loss, but like you said, it's great to be out here and keep plugging, keep going strong.

DICKY PRIDE: I'm going to try. DT taught my daughter how to wake surf this year, so I guess we're even now. He can have that. Now we're even and we're going from here.

Q. Maybe not the finish you wanted, but obviously still a great week for you. Just your thoughts on today.

DICKY PRIDE: A really good week. Today was kind of up and down. I had a three-putt early on 5 and made a bogey on 3 with a wedge in my hand, which is just ridiculous. But hung in there, made a bunch of birdies, and that really nice birdie on 18. The playoff, I can get mad at leaving the putt short, that's kind of a culmination of I tried to make putts on 15 and 16 and I hit them through the break. Made the putts coming back, so I was just, I'm going to roll the ball where I'm looking and I did and it was just short and that's frustrating, but never should have hit it in the bunker. I'm a pretty good bunker player and that wasn't easy. I was happy to have a putt.

Q. How much fun was that on 18 though to hear the roar and know that you forced a playoff?

DICKY PRIDE: That was fun, that was a lot of fun. I was playing with Wes Short and he's like -- you know, when we're out of it, we're all like, hey, knock it in, whatever. I looked at him, said it would be a lot of fun, wouldn't it? Got him in the scorer's tent, it was, it was a lot of fun. Disappointing playoff, but a really good week and really proud of the way I kept hanging in there.

Q. We had 51,000 this week, it's the biggest attendance for a Champions Tour event all season long. Can you describe just the atmosphere?

DICKY PRIDE: Oh, great atmosphere. They were so excited to have us here. I did not realize there were this many Alabama fans in St. Louis, but I got a lot of "Roll Tides" and I liked every one of them.

Q. When you made the final putt, did you think it was going in? Did you feel it was going in?

DICKY PRIDE: I knew I had it on the line and I thought I got it there. Yeah, it went in. I hit it where I wanted to, I hit the putt I wanted to.

Q. It's a tale of two putts, when you look at this last one here, when you swung that one, did you feel that was going in as well?

DICKY PRIDE: I thought I had the line and I knew -- I knew it was going to struggle to get there. I didn't quite hit it like I wanted to, but that's the way it goes.

Q. (No microphone.)

DICKY PRIDE: We've been good friends for about 30 years, so yeah, we've got a lot of history. David and his family are good friends with our family. Yeah, I'm very happy for David and Sonya and their kids. You know, this is professional golf. You play off against your friends and see if you can do what you can do and either do it or you don't.