



**JIM FURYK (-10)**

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**Q. We're here with Jim Furyk. Incredible birdie on 18. Can you talk about your round today?**

**JIM FURYK:** Incredible, huh?

**Q. Yeah, I heard the roar.**

**JIM FURYK:** It was a good drive, good 3-wood, not a very good pitch and I followed it up by making a 10-footer, so the putter cures a lot of ailments. Good solid round. I jumped off to a good start, birdied 1 and 3 and I think 6 and 7, so 4 under early.

And then kind of missed a couple putts, bogeyed 10. I kind of had a little bit of a stall in the middle of the round and had a hard time making some birdies and getting it going. But for me that back nine has played a little tougher each day for both Thursday and Friday, but good solid round, 4 under par and I'll keep myself in good position.

**Q. So does every birdie count at this point in the year; that one on 18?**

**JIM FURYK:** I hit a poor drive again on 17, that's two days in a row. Yesterday I kind of had a nice window, today I didn't, tried to make a good recovery but wasn't able to get the ball up and down.

So to kind of finish up, a little nicer going home making birdie instead of kind of a bad pitch shot. You say you miss that putt, you finish bogey-par and you feel like you're giving a couple shots back. You do that, you just kind of go home a little happier and feel like I kind of got what I deserved. Good feeling.

I've got a few things I want to work on. I'm hitting a lot of great golf shots, a couple loose ones on that back nine today and got to kind of regroup and think about those, but I'm doing a lot right and trying to focus on the good, I guess, as well.

**Q. Just in general like are you excited about the next two days?**

**JIM FURYK:** Absolutely, absolutely. The weather's supposed to be perfect, I like the golf course, fans are excited. Yeah, absolutely, I'm excited about the weekend and trying to win a golf tournament and then trying to put myself in position for the Schwab Cup.

Again, we talked about it earlier in the week, I'm just going to focus on trying to play well and one hole, one shot, try to add them up to good scores at the end and focus more on trying to

play good rounds of golf. You do that, the rest kind of takes care of itself.

**Q. What do you actually like about this golf course?**

**JIM FURYK:** It's kind of right in front of you. You can see what you're supposed to do. It's tight, you've got to put the ball in the fairway, the greens are tiny. There's times with a 6-iron or 5-iron in your hand on some of those holes you've got to hit a pretty darn good shot to get it on the green.

I feel like it's well bunkered. I feel like the golf course is right there in front of you, you can kind of see the shots. It's perfect weather, so the scores are low, but there's nothing tricky about it, it's right there in front of you. It's a good test.

**Q. What about the atmosphere with the fans being so close here as opposed to some other courses where they're pretty far away?**

**JIM FURYK:** I think we're used to that a little bit on the Champions Tour. I think we play at some smaller venues, some smaller towns. They get a little tighter framework at times.

And I guess the good news is we're not hitting it 350 yards and our vectors haven't quite as wide, so it works out pretty good.

**Q. It's a good thing because the driving range isn't that wide.**

**JIM FURYK:** I know. I was teasing Phil this morning, I said, "Man, it must be a bummer to have all that power and you can't even hit driver. You have to use the mat, for God's sake." I felt terrible for him, I really did.