

## LECOM Suncoast Classic

### ROUND 3 INTERVIEW

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### KEVIN DOUGHERTY ( -19)

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**Q. Starting kind of like we usually do, some highlights from the round today and keeping yourself atop the board?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Yeah, we had a different wind today coming out of the southwest, so the first three holes are kind of the real test of this course. They were all in off the right and to get off to a nice solid start was huge. I think Logan on the fourth hole said OK, now we can have a little bit more fun. That's kind of when some birdies started to happen. Definitely a different place when the wind switches.

**Q. You've been in this position before multiple times. What would you say you've learned from each of the occurrences or maybe the same thing from each of them, what's the biggest thing you take away?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Yeah, just kind of continue to be patient out on the course, like shot for shot. You can't really let one shot or one break or anything like that really get us too far offtrack because I'm playing well enough to continue to make birdies and play good.

**Q. Scott Gutschewski said earlier this is a tough place to defend, so does that almost help that there's a bunch of guys kind of stacked at the top and you've got to go play pretty aggressive I would assume tomorrow?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Yeah, exactly. I'm going to go out tomorrow and I'm going to try to play like I did Thursday, Friday and today. Just not going to put my heels in and put it on cruise control because that's definitely not the recipe for a champion and to win. I'm just going to go and pretty much work my plan that I've had the entire week and add them up at the end and see how it goes.

**Q. Family coming in? When's the last time your wife has been able to come out and has your daughter ever been out kind of on the course for anything?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Yeah, my daughter's been to quite a few. She's 10 months old and I think she's been to 12 or 13 states. She started traveling pretty early. They were with me last week in Dallas, so they get to travel with me quite a bit, which is fun.

**Q. Is she kind of like, does she have the headphones out there and like a carrier or anything? What's her setup?**



**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** No, Lindsay, she just kind of does her own thing. Tristan's still only 10 months, so I'm guessing maybe just the back nine tomorrow kind of in this heat, too. She kind of just kind of hangs out to herself, hangs back a little bit.

**Q. What's the difference, if any, just having them here versus kind of like the first three rounds like on your own?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Yeah, it's just going to be amazing to have them here. It's going to feel a little bit more like home and I enjoy being around my wife and my daughter. We're going to have a good dinner tonight at my favorite restaurant here in Sarasota, Fresh Kitchen. I think I eat there every meal. We're going to enjoy that and we're staying with an amazing host family, so we'll just kind of have a low-key night and do the same thing in the morning.

**Q. What would you say the thing that you're looking forward to the most about tomorrow is?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Just getting the chance to compete under contention. It's a different feeling that all of us love. Kind of have the mentality tomorrow of like a warrior poet, one of my close buddies told me, and I'm actually getting chills right now thinking about it. I'm not going to elaborate on what it means because it's pretty special between the two of us, but that's kind of my mindset for tomorrow.

