

**ROUND 3 QUOTES**  
**January 26, 2024**



**NICOLAI HØJGAARD (-10)**

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**Q. Nicolai, how would you compare that day throughout? The course is a little different, everything's bunched up, but how do you feel about that round today?**

**NICOLAI HØJGAARD:** It was a tricky one, it was a grind out there. The pins were tricky today, bumpy out there on the greens. I just didn't feel comfortable with the swing today. So, I mean, it was a scrappy round. Hit a lot of good putts coming in and saved a couple good ones as well out there, which you do on a day like this. Yeah, I would have loved to hole the putt on 18. Yeah, there's a good chance tomorrow.

**Q. What can you take from your performance at the DP World Tour Championship, with the Ryder Cup as you kind of go in to try to win another event?**

**NICOLAI HØJGAARD:** Yeah, I think it's about just focusing on yourself, it's about you committing to every shot you hit out there. You're focusing on the moment instead of getting ahead of yourself.

It's easy on a day like this to get ahead and think, oh, we've got chances there. You've got to stay in the moment. I've done it before and now I've got a chance on the PGA TOUR, so if it happens tomorrow or not, it isn't really going to affect me too much. I've got my focus on a long process of it all. I would love to do it tomorrow and I'm going to do my best, so we'll see tomorrow.

**Q. We saw on television a ton of missed putts from pretty short range by very quality players. Everybody talks about the poa annua, but what did you see out there, Nicolai, today that can kind of give us a perspective on how difficult it becomes sometimes?**

**NICOLAI HØJGAARD:** I think, you know, there's just slightly more wind out there today and it made certain holes a little bit longer, hitting longer irons into certain greens. The pins are a little bit more tucked and when people miss a lot of putts, they walk a lot around the holes. So you can see like in the afternoon here there's a lot of spike marks and it's just tricky, it's just tricky out there. I missed a couple short ones today and I felt like I hit a really good putt -- I can't remember, it must be 14. I would say it was dead middle and it almost came back to me. It was stuff like that can happen. And it happened for everyone and just got to deal with it. You've just got to manage it and move on and try to hit good shots and good putts.

On 18 I hit a 10-out-of-10 putt I feel like, everything felt good and lipped out. It's one of those days where it can happen and it happens for all of us, but you've just got to accept and move on and try to get the best out of it.

