

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: RUSS COCHRAN
Saturday, June 28, 2014

Q. Can you talk about the finish to your round, particularly the putt to get the birdie on 18?

RUSS COCHRAN: Yeah, you know, I was kind of losing a little steam. I had it going pretty good, making some great, great putts. Then had a perfect position on 18 and got it up, thought I hit a little better chip than that but I guess what, 20, 22 feet, and hit a really good putt. So right in the middle, finished the round off.

Q. Seems like that one on 16 you almost had there but it just didn't drop for you?

RUSS COCHRAN: Yeah, you know, 16, I hit a good putt there and hit it where I wanted to actually, but the greens are very subtle, they're very tough. They're tight lips, you've got to make them right in the middle. And believe me, I think Sluey called me Corey Pavin out there a couple times, so I made my share of putts. Made a lot of good tough putts going down the hill, you know, from 20, 25 feet, so it was just a really good day on the greens for me.

Q. You got off to a strong start on the first couple holes there.

RUSS COCHRAN: Yeah, that kind of starts your round right. I hit it in there about maybe 10 feet on the first hole and made that, probably had 13, 14 feet. Hit a driver and a 5-iron in on No. 2 and made that. Similar putt as the first hole, almost the same read so was kind of fortunate to get the same read at two straight putts. So played pretty solid golf. Didn't hit it as good as I did yesterday, to be honest with you, but I putted a lot better.

Q. One shot off the current lead. How do you feel about the position you're in right now?

RUSS COCHRAN: You know, the thing is I like the direction my game's going. I finished up last week with a 64 and nice solid round. But out here the thing is there's a lot of low rounds. If you can catch a hot putter and get the ball in the right spot on the greens, there are going to be a lot of low rounds. Although I like the way my game's trending, I know I'm going to have to kind of come out and shoot a good round tomorrow. I didn't expect to be in this position, so it just feels great to have a shot at it. I'm not sure how they'll finish, I assume that they'll probably finish strong, but it's nice to have a shot at it.

Q. Is there anything particular you'll do better tomorrow?

RUSS COCHRAN: Today I was a little sloppy - yesterday I hit every fairway. Today I hit it in the rough a couple times. I know the bogey on 15 there was a 3-wood pulled in the rough, but I think just, you know, try to get in a comfort zone on the greens. The greens are getting a little quicker and a little quicker and a little firmer, so it's harder to get them in the right spot. Just try to get the ball on the green and make as many putts as you can.