

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: RUSS COCHRAN
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Q. Is there any way anybody can catch him? Eight shots?

RUSS COCHRAN: Yeah, he's playing awfully well. He's a super smart player and he's rolling it really good. The greens, they weren't perfect today late in the afternoon with this heat and humidity and he made all the putts he needed to make. So, you know, I don't think you just look at it, I think guys will just go out and play and see what happens. He sure is, he's a heck of a player and you expect him to take care of his business.

Q. Does it still matter even second place, just to play well in this tournament, do well in this tournament?

RUSS COCHRAN: Oh, yeah, absolutely. I mean, everybody wants to play and play well and, you know, everybody's looking to go out there and just catch fire and get it hot, get it going. For me personally, I have a lot at stake because, like I mentioned yesterday in the press room there, I'm kind of hoping to use this as a building block in the last couple groups or last group, whatever it's going to be, and to try to perform and try to make some putts and build some confidence because, you know, you never know a victory down the line might start right here, so that's what I'm looking for.

Q. And there are some low rounds out there.

RUSS COCHRAN: Oh, yeah, yeah. I had it going. Like I said, I'm not doing what I need to with the putter, but I mean I turned a 9- or 10-under into a 6-under the other day, so if something -- and I made putts early, too. I shouldn't say I didn't make any putts, but if somebody gets hot. Now, the pins are going to be tougher. That super low round might come in the form of a 6-under instead of 8-under, but 5- or 6-under par might be a heck of a round.

Q. This is early but to be playing with him when he's playing like that and know that there's so much distance to make up, is it discouraging?

RUSS COCHRAN: Well, it's not discouraging. We all kind of marvel at his clarity. He stands over it and he performs. When you look at me, I played well today and didn't perform on the greens, so that's what I take from the day. Just how he goes about his business and what a great performer he is.

Q. What's it like playing with somebody who's on a roll like that?

RUSS COCHRAN: I think it's true for a lot of people when they get it going, but I think for Bernhard it's even more so kind of true that you can see him feeling comfortable and settling in and, like I said, starting to take care of his business and nothing gets in his way, nothing

shakes him. It's great to watch. You see it with great players all over and he's certainly one of them.

Q. You going out there saying I need to take care of business, I can come in second here and that's going to be plenty good?

RUSS COCHRAN: Well, I've got problems with the putter. I hit it good today, had lots and lots and lots of chances, lots and lots and lots of chances and didn't do anything with it. I chipped in for a birdie and I two-putted from 20 feet for a birdie, those are my only two birdies.

Q. But still second?

RUSS COCHRAN: Yeah, so I'm playing well.