

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: WILL WILCOX
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MODERATOR: All right. Will, welcome. 6-under 65 today. Earlier in the week when we talked, as you just mentioned, you said your goal this week was just to make the cut. You certainly have done a big one better than that. Just a few comments on the fact that you not only made the cut but you're certainly right in the mix heading into tomorrow.

WILL WILCOX: Yeah, it's pretty cool. I putted really poorly on the front nine, and when I got to the back nine and shot, what, 6-under, my putter kind of came alive. I was still missing short ones, but made the two bombs. That may have been the longest putt I've ever made on the tour on the par 5 coming in. Definitely took me by surprise. I thought I was nervous today, I think tomorrow I'm going to be more nervous, but hopefully I can handle it. We'll see what happens.

MODERATOR: I understand because of travel issues you didn't get in until late and then on Tuesday you only were able to play the front nine, Wednesday because of the rain you were only able to play the front nine. Thursday was literally the first time you saw the back.

WILL WILCOX: Yeah, it was weird. On a couple holes I really didn't know what to do. I mean, I played the back nine before but it was years ago and I don't remember it. I was definitely pretty blind. Kevin helped me as much as he could, but now I know.

Q. You had a solid back nine coming in. How does that kind of propel you tomorrow?

WILL WILCOX: I mean, my putter worked a little bit, so I'm hitting it nice. We'll see if I can continue the putting. Putting is something that I'm streaky with. If I can, you know, do the same thing tomorrow, we'll see what happens.

Q. (Inaudible.)

WILL WILCOX: Yeah, I was starting to feel really hot on that hole and I was chugging water the whole time. I was feeling a little bit weird on the second shot. Hit it a little heavy, I knew it was down in the hollow over there and then it was just (inaudible.) Honestly, I was like I'm ready to get this over with, I'm ready to move on.

Q. If you win this tournament, could you please ask Drake to give a shout-out on Instagram?

WILL WILCOX: For sure. I mean, I hope that happens again. I hope I end up backstage one day, that would be really, really cool. I think it would up my -- everyone would know who I was at that point. He's the man. I really appreciate him responding.

Q. How do you feel about your position near the top of the leaderboard going into

tomorrow? Will you feel any added pressure in the round tomorrow?

WILL WILCOX: I'll be nervous at the start, but I'm pretty much nervous every round I play. Once I get settled in, that's when I can chill out. When I hit the fairway on 4 today I started to relax a little bit. I hit some pretty darn good shots the rest of the day from there. So, I mean, if I get off to a decent start, then I'll settle in quickly. We'll see. My swing feels good, putting feels mediocre. Obviously there's something good in there because I'm hitting some long putts coming in, but I'll try to be as relaxed as I can.

Q. Through these three rounds, in your opinion what's been the toughest part of this course to deal with?

WILL WILCOX: The greens, without a doubt. The greens are tough. They get a little beat up as the round goes on and I hit two putts today that I thought were really good and they just kind of bounced around a little bit. But that's bermuda, that's the hot conditions. And we've got people, 80 people walking on them. It's just how it goes. I just hope I get some good bounces. But the greens are a really big defense out here. Tee to green it's still legit but the greens are pretty tough.

Q. You're making a lot of fantasy golf players right now very happy, (inaudible).

WILL WILCOX: Yeah, it's really cool. I know you can get me pretty cheap on there, which is, you know, it's to be expected. I think I've gone up a little bit on those two cuts so I've plummeted and people are trying to pick me more now. It's pretty neat. It's amazing how golf can make people happy all over the world. I'm just trying to hit the ball. I have people from Ireland and all over tweeting at me and saying they love me, so it's pretty hilarious how golf works globally. Fantasy's great.

MODERATOR: All right. Congratulations on a great start and best of luck tomorrow.