

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: PAUL CASEY
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Q. Just some opening comments on your round today?

PAUL CASEY: Yeah, it was brilliant. The difference being really I struck the ball wonderfully. I got away with a couple, a couple of shots that skirted at the odd waste area and bunker. Rode that luck and holed some really nice putts, which I haven't been doing so far this week and that was really the difference and you could see it in the scores. And then when I started to miss the putts, I went back to pars again, which was a shame because obviously Bubba -- I don't where Bubba was. I wasn't thinking too much about course record but I was thinking it would have been nice to shoot sort of 10 or more. 9 under's a fantastic score. When you start to get into double digits, that's what I really wanted.

Q. Did you ever think you would be on an island with so little wind?

PAUL CASEY: No. I mean, the conditions have been, it just laid down. It was tricky around the turn. It looked like it just went around the compass and we couldn't figure out where it was going, so every shot we thought through our ideas of where the wind should be out the window and we had to react on every single shot. It looked like it went all the way around and then at the end it just laid down completely. What's Bubba's shooting, by the way?

Q. 9 under through 13. That's where you are.

PAUL CASEY: Oh, that's quite good then. I had no idea. What's that drivable one, 14? I've made three pars there.

Q. So you're 9 under through 13 and you get to 14 and make par. Comments, please?

PAUL CASEY: I haven't birdied it yet this week.

Q. Where did you drive it today?

PAUL CASEY: Just over the green, not in the bunker on the downslope in the grass, it's that sandy bermuda (inaudible) to the edge.

Q. What did you hit it to?

PAUL CASEY: Nine feet just past and missed it coming back. It was all good. I played it fairly well and the drive was very good.

Q. At what point do you know you're having a day like this?

PAUL CASEY: After about 13 holes.

Q. You had no idea through 13 you were 9 under, is that common for you?

PAUL CASEY: No, because I thought Bubba was -- after the par 3 I caught a glimpse of the board and Bubba was, I'm not sure where he was at that point. So I just moved to 16, what did I just move to? I was 15 at the time and I saw Bubba was 14 I think or 15 or something like that. So I thought, well, these guys are right there. 18 guys in the field and 16 of them are within about four of the lead it seems like. There's so many --

Q. A little bit of separation up there though?

PAUL CASEY: Maybe, yeah.

Q. (Inaudible) I think half the field was within three shots.

PAUL CASEY: Yeah, something that way. After seven holes I looked at the board and I was like wow, you've just got to keep plowing on even though I made a bunch of birdies.

Q. What is the value of this tournament to you this stage of the season?

PAUL CASEY: Surely to have a season like Jordan Spieth.

Q. I mean not early on, like back when you were still in college I would imagine, guys who used to win this tournament like Tom Lehman had gone four years without winning, he won --

PAUL CASEY: Are you suggesting it's a springboard?

Q. Yes. Well, history had it that way, not so much anymore.

PAUL CASEY: It has a lot of value. This is Tiger's event. First off, to me it's an honor and a pleasure to play and I played in it a bunch of times at Sherwood as you know. What he does with his foundation is amazing that if I can be here and contribute to that, that's not being silly, that's genuine, that's the main thing. That's an honor and I love that part of it. Two, it's a ton of world ranking points and a ton of money, so I haven't yet done my Christmas shopping.

Q. And you haven't won this year?

PAUL CASEY: And I haven't won this year, so there's multiple reasons, about four really good reasons.