FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: JUSTIN ROSE

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Q. And then the other thing you said before we came on was you were thinking about needing another birdie because you saw some of the other scores and you wanted to hold that record for a long time. At what point that you're rolling along in a round like this do you realize how great it is?

JUSTIN ROSE: I think playing the par 5 15th, I knew the only thing I can come out of the week with hear would be bragging rights and have the course record. I played the first three days, didn't threaten anything. So it would have been nice, it will be nice to come out here with, as a hometown boy with the course record so we'll see. But I know Rickie's playing well, he's got a chance to probably equal or better my score. We'll just see what happens. But yeah, going down 15 I knew that I was on course but played really well coming in, hit some great shots, made some nice putts. Yeah, that putt at the last I just probably hit too firm on my line, but it was a fun day.

Q. Did you think about the course record at all?

JUSTIN ROSE: Absolutely, that's all I had to play for. That's all I wanted today. I was very aware of the 9 unders shot this week and I was very aware of trying to get to 10. You know, obviously a great putt at 16, that made it obviously doable. And then nice 2 at 17, and I played 18 beautifully. But then I kind of looked at the leaderboard and I saw Rickie going on and I thought maybe I'll have the course record for 30 minutes unless I make this putt. So we'll see, but it was a fun day and obviously just a bit of bragging rights really at the end of the week more than anything.

Q. You talk about your home course but you really don't play, it's not like you know every inch of it.

JUSTIN ROSE: That's funny because I didn't play it a lot actually, and then quite often when the greens are a different speed how they are 51 weeks a year. I mean we do get the greens quick and obviously pre-Augusta the greens are very fast, but I would say more of the work's done at the short game area. I was astounded how poorly I read the greens considering they're my home greens, so I thought that was interesting. Fooch and I, I called Fooch in as of yesterday and we read the greens together and we kind of used it as an exercise of just practicing really, practicing our communication and stuff like that. There's always something you can get out of a tournament and today was an important day just to finish strong last round of the season. It's been a great year, it's been a good year. I'm excited about next year, ready. I just kind of wanted to come out today and at least put a decent score together.

Q. Are you still considering Hyundai or have you not made up your mind?

JUSTIN ROSE: I'm still considering, I'm about 20 percent. I want to play but I can't get my head around playing without being a hundred percent prepared, and I just don't think that I'm going to be able to be a hundred percent prepared by the time it rolls around because I want to shut it down now for a few weeks and then it comes around quick. But I really want to go, so that's the only thing. It's a long way to go, exactly. So I want to make sure -- I don't know how late I can make the decision but I guess it will almost be get through Christmas Day and see how I feel and how rested I am and see how much practice I've done and make a call.

Q. What would be the next start after that then if you don't play Hyundai?

JUSTIN ROSE: Farmers, Torrey. A bit more west coast for me next year.

Q. You'll play more on the west coast?

JUSTIN ROSE: I think so. A little less Florida, a little more west coast.

Q. This coming year?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah. My allergies were so bad in Florida last year, I was miserable. Also, I just feel like the golf courses in Florida are a little tricked up. You know, like the six or seven swings a round that can ruin your week. You end up playing great defensive golf. So that was my thinking and obviously that will get me nice and fresh and ready for Augusta.

Q. What are the ones you like, Riv?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, I love Riviera, I love Torrey. I think the layouts are the best on tour on the west coast. Conditions obviously occasionally can be sketchy with the poa but I don't mind that at all, but I think the layouts are the best on Tour.

Q. Not Pebble?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, Pebble's on the cards as well actually. I'm mulling that one over. But I'm thinking potentially Torrey and then a week's holiday. Maybe take the kids skiing somewhere, they haven't done that Leo's birthday is a week or two later. Ski for his birthday, stay out west for a month. That's the plan.

Q. You worked a Napa Valley trip in there with Kate, right?

JUSTIN ROSE: We did, absolutely.