

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: JIM FURYK
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Q. 73 out there today, how did everything go for you?

JIM FURYK: Pretty well. I feel like I hit the ball real well on my first side, on the back nine. A few weak swings on the front but I kind of expected that being the first event. I was able to knock in some good putts, save some pars and make a pretty good day out of a little bit of a blustery day.

Q. If we look at your highlights, this is at 5?

JIM FURYK: Yeah, it was a good drive but a poor 3-wood left of the green. Short-sided myself and drew a great lie, was able to flop the ball up there and leave myself a five-, six-footer straight up the hill for birdie. I was able to save a shot there, get one back. Unfortunately, I was not able to birdie the 7th.

Q. Physically, how does the wrist feel?

JIM FURYK: It feels pretty well. I'm able to go out and play. I've got no pain, no apprehension, but I can't hit a lot of golf balls. I can't go out and practice and beat a ton of balls. I'm going to go to the range after we speak and maybe limit it to 10 or 15 balls. I don't enjoy hitting balls, so actually it's kind of fun. I'm not really allowed to or can't, so I'm enjoying that part of it.

Q. Knowing what a competitor you are having such a long layoff, it must be nice to get back inside the ropes and get the adrenaline flowing again?

JIM FURYK: It is. I enjoyed my time at home, I enjoyed being with Tabitha and the kids but I did miss competing. I missed being out here, the camaraderie, saying hello to everyone. But the gun went off this morning and I felt unusually calm this morning. I expected to be very nervous but I felt very calm on the 10th tee. It was surprising but it was a good feeling.

Q. How would you rate it today?

JIM FURYK: Pretty solid for the most part. I hit the ball real well on my back nine, made a little bit of a careless double bogey at 14. Actually a decent second shot, it just spun left and ended up in the water. But played pretty well. I felt like I played better than 1 over on the back side. The front side I got a little loose in spots, a few bad shots, errant tee shot at 7. I was able to grind it out, make a few putts and really kind of I felt like I played better on the back and shot 1 over and I shot even par on the front. Overall solid start. It will put me in good position to go try to fire a good number tomorrow.

Q. What was the feeling on the first tee? You've been out here a long time but was it

kind of reverting back to kind of your rookie year, were you nervous?

JIM FURYK: You know, I expected to be more so. I started on 10 this morning and kind of almost smiled thinking wow, I was unusually calm. I did hit a poor tee shot, probably the worst one on that side. But no, I was actually surprised. I expected to be nervous after the layoff, and 10 and 1 aren't two drives that maybe get your nerves going out here like say standing on the 18th tee. You know, it was a pretty benign tee shot, and although I didn't hit one well, I felt good.