

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: JUSTIN ROSE
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Q. Justin, not that you played poorly out there but you didn't quite have it seems like what you had the previous two days. What do you think the difference was compared to the other two?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, I don't know exactly. I didn't hit enough fairways early in my round, which obviously there were some birdieable pins if you were coming at it from the right angle from the fairway. Didn't really make the most of the front nine and back nine was again tough. Hard to play catch-up on the back nine today. So I actually thought I did a good job really hanging with it. Birdied 14, played 14 really well, played 15 well, played 16 well, so I kind of felt like when it could have slipped away I kind of hung tough there. Delighted to be two back going into tomorrow. Hit some nice long-range putts that were kind of scaring the hole, but nothing fell for me today so to speak and hopefully I saved a few for tomorrow.

Q. You're chasing the lead, you've come from behind many times to win. Would you prefer to chase the lead on a very difficult golf course like this compared to one that yields a lot of birdies?

JUSTIN ROSE: It gives you a better opportunity, for sure, if you go out and play a great round, if you shoot 6-under par around there. There's a lot of guys in contention tomorrow, but there's a lot of guys trying to win for the first time, sort of maybe a new-look leaderboard in some ways. Obviously Sneds had pretty good round there. But something good tomorrow's going to go a long way, if you shoot a low score, especially with some Sunday pressure. It will be a good situation. I get to freewheel more than they do, so it could be a good thing.