

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: J.J. SPAUN**  
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**Q. How do you feel about your round today?**

**J.J. SPAUN:** I feel really good about how I played. I was kind of just having fun out there. You know, made some putts, missed some putts, hit some fairways and greens, and it just kind of tallied up to a 3 under, which is a pretty tidy score out here.

**Q. You're a San Diego State guy, but do you have a ton of experience on this course? You guys never really played here?**

**J.J. SPAUN:** No, we never played here. I think I've probably played twice here just on my own will just to come out and play. Yeah, it's kind of hard for I think our team to get 15 guys and fill up three tee times for us.

No, it was a good vibe being down here. It just felt comfortable. I mean, we used to work the locker room during college and stuff, so it's nice to be out here. It's kind of familiar territory.

**Q. Is something like that kind of a motivation, like you see the Tigers, the Phils coming through and you say, you know, one day I want to be on the other side of this?**

**J.J. SPAUN:** Sure. There's guys I played against in the U.S. Amateur that summer that turned pro and got their card and I'm here cleaning their shoes. So it's a little bit of a motivation that if I can keep up with those guys I can definitely be out here competing with them, too.

**Q. And not everyone may know J.J. Spaun from San Diego, but if you get yourself up the leaderboard, they're going to realize, oh, that's San Diego State, we're going to cheer for that guy and you'll get a pretty good crowd following out here.**

**J.J. SPAUN:** Sure, that would be great to have some extra support. The Aztec Foundation out here, the support for the alumni, it's really incredible and hopefully I get something going tomorrow.

**Q. J.J., what was it like playing with Pat Perez, another local guy, not San Diego State but Torrey Pines High School. Did you learn a lot from him today, did you talk about San Diego, what was your thought process with playing with Pat today?**

**J.J. SPAUN:** Yeah, I moved out to Scottsdale about two months ago and he's out there practicing a lot. I introduced myself a couple months ago and we've kind of been hanging

out and practicing and texting each other back and forth sometimes. We were excited that we got paired today and we had a lot of fun out there. Probably people could have noticed that we were laughing and walking down the fairways and just kind of fed off each other. He played well and I played well and it was just a good day.

**Q. Is that what happened on 17, he gets that chip-in for birdie and you make that long putt?**

**J.J. SPAUN:** Yeah, it was just kind of cool. He hit a great shot and got a great reaction out of the crowd. It was kind of a putt where it's kind of if you get it going on the right line, it can go in, and fortunately I made it. We both kind of looked and smiled and gave each other a little high five, so it was a fun moment.

**Q. He threw a buzz in the sands match?**

**J.J. SPAUN:** No, that was the first time every only because Pat did it. It's a pretty cool putt to make, you know, 40 feet, curlier. You know, it gets the crowd going.