

Round 2 Interview:
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DUSTIN JOHNSON



Q. Dustin, you put yourself in pretty good position. Are you happy with the place you're in after two rounds?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean, I felt like today was a lot of the same as it was yesterday. I felt like I hit the ball really well, had a lot of good looks at birdie. It's just really difficult to get the ball in the hole here. You know, I still missed quite a few short putts and felt like I rolled the ball pretty well today, it's tough to get in it. Other than that, I felt like I'm swinging the club pretty well, controlling my distance pretty well and I'm hitting a lot of great shots. So yeah, I'm looking forward to the weekend. I feel like I'm in a good position.

Q. The last four or five holes, the wind really picked up. Did that make a difference for you guys?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, not really because it kind of picked up on maybe 16, 17, 18, so it really didn't affect it. Plus, when you get down in the trees it doesn't really blow as much as it does up here.

Q. (No microphone.)

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I just made a couple more three-footers today than I did yesterday. I didn't miss quite as many. I still missed quite a few, but I made a couple short putts.

Q. (No microphone.)

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I mean, it just all depends on if it rains or not, but no, rain -- as long as it's not too windy, the rain doesn't really bother me. We'll just have to see what the weather's like tomorrow.

Q. Will rain maybe change the course?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, I don't see it changing too much. I mean, it might soften the greens up a little bit, but the fairways are already pretty soft.

Q. Dustin, you birdied three of the last four, end on a good note. It's got to give you a lot of confidence heading into the weekend?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I played well yesterday, too, I just really (inaudible.) I feel like I'm hitting good putts, they're just very difficult. I feel like someone's playing goalie up by the hole. It's not going my way right now, but hopefully I can roll in a few more putts this weekend. I feel like I'm hitting it great. I hit it really well yesterday, I missed a ton of putts.

Short ones, too. It's not like -- you don't expect to make long ones out here, but today I did make a couple four-, five-footers on the last few holes.

Q. You and Austin were really working it on some of those putts, you guys were looking at all angles?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah. Well, I feel like some putts I see it and I think I've got it read perfect and I hit it and it does exactly opposite from what I'm thinking. Just trying to get a good read and go with it. Get a read and be confident and stroke it there. Yeah, it's still difficult. I missed a three-footer on 10 for birdie. You don't miss putts like that. It's a right-edge putt and it wiggled right and hit the right lip and it's just how -- same thing. Rory missed three short ones coming down the stretch. It's very difficult to get in the hole out here.

Q. Even still, it was 14, he had a six-shot lead over you, and now it's three heading into Saturday?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, he holed out on 14, which is probably picking up two shots on the field because (inaudible) is not a gimme. It's not that the greens are bad, they're just really, they're kind of like snakes. They don't really bounce or anything, they're fast and they just kind of wiggle, which makes it difficult. Yeah, a six-shot lead on me because I three-putted 14. He holed it off the fair way, like I said, picking up at least two on the field there. Yeah, making three birdies on the last four holes definitely puts me in a good spot going into this weekend.