



Q. Can you just reflect on today's play, please?

JASON DAY: It was good. I got off to a great start and we were in and out a couple times, so didn't quite get it going on the back side. But in good position going into the weekend, so hopefully give myself a good shot at trying to get myself into contention again.

Q. (No microphone.)

JASON DAY: I put myself on the greens, I was holing some putts, which was nice. To be able to do that again kind of brought up the memories of 2015 and 2016. It's all good things. I've been working very, very hard on my putting and my -- pretty much everything in my game to try to turn it around and it seemed like there's a nice little glimmer of hope there.

Q. There was some hesitation taking the ball out of the hole. Is there any issue at all --

JASON DAY: No, no, there's no issue. Everything's fine, so I'm looking forward to tomorrow's round.

Q. Okay. So when you take three-and-a-half hours off, what did you do, how did you get back into it?

JASON DAY: Well, I was hanging out with Rory for a bit, we were sitting there talking about the old days, and then I was going back and forth to the other players and we were just kind of relaxing. Actually it flew by pretty quickly, the second. The first one flew by really quickly and the second one went by pretty quick. But to be honest I'm glad we got done. It's a nice day now and I think we're going to have some good weather on the weekend.

Q. Jason, how's the back?

JASON DAY: It's fine.

Q. It doesn't look like it.

JASON DAY: It's fine, just I'm a little slow out there. The guys walk fast out there, so I just was a little slow. It's just a little stiff. It doesn't hurt when I swing, so I'm okay with it, which is good. I'm just excited about getting into the next two days because being able to be close to the lead or somewhat close to the lead with Jimmy at 7 and I'm at 3, there's still a lot of golf to be played on a difficult golf course that we have here. Over the next two days, it should firm up, just start to firm up a little bit by Sunday and make it pretty tough. Looking forward to trying to tackle and trying to get in contention again.

Q. How pleased are you that you did it while you were sort of under the pump, yesterday wasn't the best and you were able to come out and get yourself back in?

JASON DAY: It's nice to be able to have the front nine that I did. It would have been great to keep that momentum rolling through the back side. Obviously we come off and we had to wait around for three hours or so. So it started playing a little bit tougher. Obviously the wind is up now, but as we got out there, it was dead still so it was a good opportunity for me to actually keep pushing forward. Unfortunately, there was a couple putts I didn't hole and there was a couple of drives that just kind of went way off. So try to tidy that up for tomorrow and see, I guess.

Q. Grinding scoring, it must feel like the Jason Day of old?

JASON DAY: Yeah, my short game has been absolutely terrible this year. I was just saying earlier I haven't had the greatest putting year and it kind of puts pressure on other parts of the game. You're thinking that if you're not putting that great you need to hit the fairways more, and that puts pressure on the driving and then that puts pressure on hitting the greens. If you're not getting up and down, you're obviously having the scores that you're having. So I've been working very hard on trying to change that with my putting to ease the pressure on the rest of my game. Today was a good step in the right direction.

Q. Did it feel like 2016 or even 2015?

JASON DAY: The front side did, the front side definitely felt like 2015, 2016. I was just pouring it in everything.

I know that it's still in there, I've just got to keep practicing hard. I know it will eventually happen. I feel pretty good about where things are progressing with regards to the short game and everything, even the full swing. I've just got to trust it and kind of get out of my own way because sometimes the thing for me is to just get out of my own way, really.

Q. Did the break stop that sort of putting momentum that you had?

JASON DAY: Probably because I didn't really putt that great on the back side. I three-putted the 10th hole and kind of from there, I didn't really get things going. It may have, it may not, I'm not too sure, but I didn't quite feel the same as I did on the front side.

Q. What do you think about Steph Curry shooting 74?

JASON DAY: He's playing right now, how is he doing?

Q. We don't know yet.

JASON DAY: To be honest, I think it's pretty special for a two-time MVP to be able to shoot

74 at a pro event and beat other pros. I mean, we play our whole lives and the guy plays basketball and he beats some of the pros. It's very impressive to see -- once again, athletes like that, especially I think basketball players are probably the top athletes because obviously they can jump and run and do everything. So for them to pick up a game such as golf, it should come pretty easy. It's not surprising, but it is surprising at the same time because he's playing a professional event.