

Q. Justin, 6 under total, you hit all but two fairways today, so was (inaudible) getting off the tee or what was working for you?

JUSTIN ROSE: The type of grass and the ball's always sitting up, you've always got a perfect lie. I think 4 under was a good score but kind of one of those days with how I drove it, I had the opportunity to go really low.

Q. Coming into the week eighth in the FedExCup standings, so now what does that do for you? Do you feel the pressure or are you just kind of like I'm going to play my game?

JUSTIN ROSE: You know, I'm kind of treating it as a bit of a bonus if it happens. Second last week or tied second last week really kind of gave me that shot in the arm to kind of get within touching distance. Obviously we all know top-5's the secret number, but at the end of the day eighth I think still gives me a great chance. I think Jordan and Justin to not have amazing weeks and it could happen, we've seen a lot of guys, whoever wins the TOUR Championship often is holding two trophies. I'm just focusing on winning the TOUR Championship and the rest will hopefully fall into place.

But just saying that I'm getting ahead of myself. We all know there's 36 holes to go and just got to keep playing good golf.

Q. (No microphone.)

JUSTIN ROSE: It was kind of a key putt to make I think more so because I played so well off the tee today and I gave myself so many great birdie opportunities, and I feel like I maybe left a few out there. Lipped out at 16, lipped out at 17, so making the putt at 18 kind of made it feel like it all comes out in the wash. But if that one slides by, you come off the golf course thinking that maybe the round got away from you. So all in all you take 66 around here any day. The key to the round was driving it well. Keep doing that, you can make some birdies.

Q. You've been open about kind of making some swing changes to alleviate pressure on the back. Is that anything behind the good play in the Playoffs at all?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, I think there's always a lag effect to the things you work on and when they show up, so it was just kind of fortunate timing that it began to -- well, obviously the last couple majors I would have loved to have played well, but this is a pretty good second best. So timing my run is obviously key. It feels a little bit similar to the beginning part of the year where I was playing nicely going into Augusta and trying to time that peak. It would be nice

if I could figure that out this weekend, time it pretty close there, but it kind of reminds me a bit of that momentum. But I feel good in my game and I'm looking forward to the weekend. For me it's just starting the Playoffs outside the top-30, it's just an exciting place to be. To be eighth kind of gives you a realistic chance and you know you have to win this week so keeps it simple.

Q. A long stretch but do the Playoffs just energize you as far as keeping you fresh?

JUSTIN ROSE: I would say so, yeah. When you look at guys who have had four-, five-win seasons and there's a few of them that have done that, you would be an awfully long way behind if it was regular Money List so you're playing for the scraps, but obviously this format gives everyone a shot. So yeah, that is energizing. Obviously I began to feel like I started to play well at Barclays and -- I mean, sorry, Northern Trust and from there things kind of began to take on week on week.

Q. You mentioned your shoulder earlier. Has it ever hurt you before like that?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, about five years ago my left shoulder was a bit dodgy and it just -- I know I slept on it badly on Tuesday night and came out Wednesday and it was a bit cranky, and then for some reason got really bad overnight Wednesday and woke up just really struggling Thursday morning. So my whole team worked really hard around me to rally, just kind of sucked it up yesterday and got through the day, weathered the storm and woke up feeling much better today. Yeah, just being able to get through Thursday morning and get to the tee box was kind of a challenge but it's worked out.

Q. Justin, you know Paul Casey better than most. (Inaudible). Is that crazy in the context of how good he is?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, he's had a great season. I think that's obviously what's got to be on his mind, when is it going to convert to a victory, for sure. He's been knocking on the door and he loves this golf course. He's never finished outside the top-6 here, I know that for a fact. This is obviously a place he feels very comfortable so it could be good timing for him as well if he keeps playing well. But yeah, I'm sure that's the question he's asking himself is when is his good play going to convert to a win.

Q. The two of you could go head to head?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, it would be fantastic to go head to head. Obviously our caddies, John McClaren and Fulch know each other very well so that would be a fun duel.

Q. Are you going to wear sunglasses tomorrow if it's sunny?

JUSTIN ROSE: You know, sunglass is a habit for me. If I start the tournament wearing them, I stick with them. If I don't wear them, I go off them, so I don't like to chop and change. I kind of thought it was going to cloud over today. But yeah, you know what, funny

you say that because at Augusta that was kind of an issue for me. It was getting dark and right before the playoff I thought it's going to get dark at some point where I'm going to take my glasses off. Sometimes it does change your perception, but this week I'm seeing the line on the greens pretty well. I was expecting it to cloud over a bit quicker than it did, so no glasses.

Q. I just noticed that even Jason, your coach, normally you wear them and last week, this week they're off. Is it any --

JUSTIN ROSE: We had a discussion on the putting green this week because I'm using the ball to line up my putts and then I'm using the shaft to then put down -- we were talking about my perception with the glasses on and the glasses off. I don't know if there's an answer yet there, but there's definitely a discussion.