

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**JUSTIN ROSE (-3)**

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**Q. Justin, you've been playing some unbelievable golf over the last few months. I see the smile on your face, we were talking coming off, and today was a 64 that's just not posted. That was really solid.**

**JUSTIN ROSE:** Yeah, thanks. It was kind of a fun round in a lot of ways, but yeah, I had to really dig deep and be patient. I turned in even when I kind of felt like it was maybe about right. I didn't play great on the front but then really played some good golf on the back. I felt like the back nine certainly could have been 6 under and I walked off with 3 under, but 69 is a good start. In the back of your head you're always trying to get something out of the North course, but with where the pins are and how firm those greens are, it's no give on that golf course anymore, so you have to play great golf to get the ball close. I didn't birdie one of the par 5s, I guess that was the key today. I drove the ball a long way down a lot of the par 5s, too, so that was where I kind of let a few shots go. But all in all it's a good start. Obviously now can focus on the South course three rounds in a row and hopefully get it going there.

**Q. When I saw the pin sheet I thought, man, there may only be a half a shot difference, that's about where it's at right now. You would think back in the day, got to get the North, now you've got to pay attention?**

**JUSTIN ROSE:** 100 percent. I think the changes are fantastic and the surfaces have really held up. They're as pure the second year as they were the first year, there's no poa on them at all, they roll beautifully. They're hard to read, though, for some reason.

**Q. For everybody?**

**JUSTIN ROSE:** Yeah, I'm glad it's for everybody. Yeah, I love the South golf course, I think it's a good test of golf and I think the green complexes are awesome. If I keep hitting my irons as I did today on the back nine, I should be fine.

**Q. You love the South, don't you, and that's why you're excited about getting out there and getting to play three times in a row there?**

**JUSTIN ROSE:** Yeah, exactly. I think we can get some momentum. I've got a 10:40 tee time tomorrow. I think tomorrow's going to be even cooler than today, so not having the early start might be nice. By the time we get out there the ball will at least be traveling. Yeah, like I said, just get some momentum.