

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW – Quick Quotes
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JASON DAY (-10, won playoff)

Q. You just mentioned the fact that you were glad you didn't hit it in the fairway and you got to lay it up. That wedge game, pretty impressive right now?

JASON DAY: Yeah. So I was at the Vintage in Palm Springs like the last two weeks and I was just grinding on my wedge game because I wasn't quite happy with it. Last season I wasn't very happy with my driving, obviously that didn't help the cause missing the fairway, but you know, I really kind of wanted to get on top of my wedge game, on top of my short game and I felt like I really did that in preparing wise coming into this event. I don't think I could have done any different. So being able to lay up there after seeing what Alex did, you know, try and take advantage of it and give myself a little kick-in was nice.

Q. How about the shot that Alex hit, that was, what, two yards from perfect?

JASON DAY: Yeah, that's the same -- you know, mine could have done the exact same thing yesterday with the 5-iron coming in. I landed a yard over the water on the green and that could have pulled up a little bit shorter and done the same thing and we wouldn't be having this chat today. But when you're in a position like that, especially for me, I missed the fairway, I have to take the second shot. Going for the green was out of my hands anyway so I've just got to lay up. For him, he had the opportunity whether to go for it. To this pin location, I think it's a lot easier to lay up and wedge on, especially when you're trying to go for the green and get the win.

Q. Congratulations. Number 11.

JASON DAY: I'm very happy. It's amongst a lot of great names to be multiple winner here and hopefully it's not my last.

Q. Six away from Tiger, good job.

JASON DAY: Thanks.

Q. With the winner here at the Farmers Insurance Open, Jason, six-hole playoff over two days. How did you get it done on Monday?

JASON DAY: Well, I was up all last night. I thought the way myself and Alex played in that playoff stretch going shot to shot, I was a little nervous coming out today because I know how much of a good player he is. He won four times last year, I think he had eight top-10s and he's one of those guys that he's been around for a very long time. Although you haven't heard much of him over here, in Europe you know a lot of him. He's a very tough

competitor, so I just knew coming out I had to be on top of it. So when I was warming up on the range I went to the wedge distance. I moved up from where I was about 25 yards or so and went to that distance because I knew, well, the chances of me hitting the fairway more so than him hitting the fairway, you know, I just knew that I needed to work on that distance and luckily enough it paid off.

Q. Jason, your last win on the PGA TOUR prior to this was 2016 PLAYERS Championship. In that time a lot of things have changed, obviously you had the health scare with your mom, you had the health issues, change with the caddie. Give us some perspective what this win means to you.

JASON DAY: I think going back obviously taking Col off the bag was a big change for me. Him as a coach for 17 years now and as a caddie for 11 years, and I think I got a lot of criticism for taking him off the bag. I don't really read much about myself, but being able to have him as a full-time coach now but have good mates that know the game, know my game well, help me a lot. I think it kind of freed me up to actually hit the shots. Instead of having coach on the bag, sometimes you can be a little bit worried about what he's trying to think or what he's going to say after the round and you should have done this and this. Col was never like that, but that was just the way I thought. I think having him off the bag has given me a little bit more freedom to kind of own my own game.

And then obviously the health issues are just the stuff that just pops up because that's just life. Being able to come out, THE PLAYERS Championship 2016, it's been a long time so happy to start off the year great. I was close in Australia at the Australian Open last year and didn't quite get over the finish line, but it's really nice to get over the finish line here.

Q. When you ascended to World No. 1, the conversation was you, Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy Roy, Dustin Johnson. Now that you've won again and you see what they've done in that time, what type of statement are you trying to make in 2018?

JASON DAY: You know what, the major championships always are key for me, I always want to be able to give myself a good opportunity at winning those, but this is the start of the road to get myself back to No. 1. I've got to shoot for that goal because if I don't shoot for that goal, then I'm not working hard enough and I'm not doing the right things and then I'm just -- I need to fight and have a goal for something and that's such a hard accomplishment to achieve that goal, it always keeps motivating and going along.