

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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JIMMY WALKER (-9)



Q. Great drive at 18 and finished really well with a nice tap-in birdie.

JIMMY WALKER: Yeah, that was nice. I was a little fried there coming in, a lot of emotion after the bogey on the par 5 and then the crazy birdies on the next two, and then another roller coaster on the bogey. But great drive, great 3-iron, great putt, so it was nice to hit four quality shots.

Q. And what a cool 22-foot birdie putt on the 16th, it's like the gallery's standing right on top of you with that back right hole location.

JIMMY WALKER: It is. I've got good memories of making a couple putts on the back side of that green through the years, so another one to put in the memory bank.

Q. A little bit of a roller coaster but it appears that you're hitting your stride, former champion here, live just near by in Boerne. You have to take a lot of momentum into Sunday, don't you?

JIMMY WALKER: I do. I just feel like I'm getting closer and closer to playing better and better golf, more solid golf, putting rounds together, trying not to do kind of the things I did on 17 and the par 5, but we're close. I'm excited for the opportunity tomorrow.

Q. Jimmy, I know you're a little hot, rightfully so after that bogey on 17. How much did the birdie on 18 sort of calm you down, get you ready for tomorrow?

JIMMY WALKER: I was okay after 17, it was just that's not real quality golf. The miss was long and I just kind of gave up on the shot. But four great shots coming in on the last hole, good drive, great 3-iron and a quick putt down the hill, so I was pleased with that. Made some good bounce-back birdies today after the par 5 and just happy. It was a nice solid day. I'll go work on a few shots this afternoon and be ready for tomorrow.

Q. You've been through a lot the last little over a year or so. How nice is it to be in this position chasing your seventh PGA TOUR title?

JIMMY WALKER: That sounds nice, I'm excited for the chance and the opportunity tomorrow brings. I don't know what's going to happen with the rest of the day today, but if I go out and shoot a really solid round tomorrow, I think we've got a good shot so I'm excited for that.

Q. We're used to seeing good ball-striking numbers for you, iron play's been good,

near the top of the field this week in strokes gained, strokes gained approach and tee to green. Is that the focus, what do you keep doing on Sunday?

JIMMY WALKER: I don't know, I don't really concentrate on that stuff. This golf course requires good ball-striking. I know when I played it well in the past it kind of narrows your focus down because there's trouble everywhere out here so you've really got to focus in. I think the pins are tight, the greens are small in sections you've got to get to, so I think you've really got to narrow your focus down. So that's kind of why I've been hitting it a little better this week. I've been doing a lot of really good stuff, so I'm excited about tomorrow.

Q. Trying to get back in the winner's circle lastly since the PGA as we mentioned. How cool would it be to do it in your home state of Texas?

JIMMY WALKER: Yeah, home, it would be really cool. I mean, I don't know, it would be a lot of emotion. I'll try to keep it in check for now.