

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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MARC LEISHMAN (-11)

Q. Cam -- Marc, you've spent so much time with Cam over the last couple weeks, you're starting to blend in to be one. Good day with him out there?

MARC LEISHMAN: Yeah, we had a good day. It wasn't quite the day I was after. Hit the ball probably the best I have all week and putts just weren't dropping for me. So yeah, it was a frustrating day, but nice to make that putt on the last and that putt on 17 to get within three.

Yeah, it's going to be tough tomorrow. The conditions are going to be a little windier, I believe, which I'm happy to see being a few back. Hopefully I can hit it like I did today, roll a few more putts in and at least make it interesting.

Q. You'll be playing together again tomorrow. What do you feel like you need to do to chase him down?

MARC LEISHMAN: Well, I mean, I think I need to get off to a pretty good start; not as in the first two or three holes, but the first nine. I think I need to have a good front nine, at least make him think about it. It's hard to win from the front, it's also hard to win from behind. It's hard to win from anywhere. I've just got to do what I can do, worry about trying to shoot a good score and see if he plays well or not. I'm expecting him to, so I'm thinking I'm going to need a really good score.

Q. Marc, when you won Travelers in 2012 you came back from six shots to win that one, your first PGA win. Do you draw on those experiences for something like this?

MARC LEISHMAN: Yeah, definitely. I came from a few back there, came from a few back at Bay Hill, I think, and then the other two have been from the front. Yeah, definitely I think the experience counts. You have to understand that you're not going to hit every shot perfect, especially when you're a few back starting the day, which you can't hit every shot perfect and that's what hopefully I'll do. If I do happen to hit a couple of bad ones early, I just need to not worry about it too much and just let my short game do the talking. Hopefully I can play well and, like I said, I've come from behind before, so hopefully I can do it again tomorrow.

Q. Obviously you want to win but last day tomorrow you'll have good galleries, you're the best two players here. It will be an enjoyable day as well for you?

MARC LEISHMAN: Yeah, for sure. Coming here I wanted to play well, wanted to be in this position, wanted to give myself a chance to win, which I've done. Anytime you're in the last

group on a Sunday, it's fun. Obviously it's more fun if you can play well and walk away with a trophy, but that's what we do all the practice for, to test ourselves in those situations, the pressure situations. I'm looking forward to it, I think it's going to be a good day. Like I said, I'm expecting Cam to play well, so I'm going to have to do the same. Hopefully I'll get a hot putter and take it up to him.

Q. Marc, when you've got a situation where you two guys are four ahead of the next cluster, does it make it more of, if not match play, just more of a head to head in that lead group for the trophy?

MARC LEISHMAN: Yeah, a little bit. I think if it's still that situation after nine holes, definitely. You know, if I was still a few back with nine to go and I'm four, five in front of third, I can definitely afford to be more aggressive. I think where I'm at in my career I can do that anyway. It's in my nature to kind of play to; win, I've never been one to lay up if it's at all possible to go for it. So it's nice to be in that situation, but yes, it does certainly make it easier to attack if you're ahead and being behind the first -- by three shots and then ahead of third, yeah, definitely.

Q. Is it a bit frustrating that you played with Cam at the World Cup and gave him some insights of not being aggressive all the time and now you're trying to track him down and he's using those tactics against you essentially?

MARC LEISHMAN: Yeah, that's part of it, I guess. I mean, it's good, I think. You learn from guys who are older than you or more experienced, and that's how I did it as well. Yeah, I'm not annoyed at that or anything, I'm happy to help him out. I just hope I can -- I hope we both play good golf tomorrow and make it really exciting for the fans. I would love to beat him when he's playing very well and I know he would like to beat me when I'm playing well.

You know, yes, we're friends, we both want to win badly. I know he wants to go back to back, I want to get my first win in Australia in the big tournaments, and we're both going to play hard. You know, we'll be mates at the end of the day.

Q. He's already got one, though. Surely the gentlemanly thing for him to do is put a couple --

MARC LEISHMAN: Why not?