FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW December 2, 2018

JUSTIN ROSE (-15)



Q. Great round today. What was working for you?

JUSTIN ROSE: You know, it's a golf course that gives you opportunities really. My iron play's been phenomenal this week. It's probably the best I've hit my irons for a long, long time actually. I played the par 3s unbelievably well. If I look back on this week, I just probably haven't played the par 5s as well, but today I did play them a little better. Just got hot on the back nine.

I kind of told myself, I was 5 down standing on the 10th tee and I played the back nine 5 under. I was trying to chase -- I knew this week I had an opportunity to get back to No. 1. I knew today was going to take a low round, and I'm kind of right on that knife edge now depending on what the guys do coming in whether that happens for me or not. That's what I was chasing coming down the stretch. I knew Jon had pulled away, but I knew I was playing for top-3.

Q. And how strong is that desire once you finally get to the top and then the desire to just hold on and make it last as long as you possibly can?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, you know, it's not a huge goal for me, but when you have these opportunities you want to take them. Obviously anytime you get to No. 1 you want to stay there, it's a nice feeling. I have other goals next season rather than just focusing on the No. 1 spot. The No. 1 spot's always a by-product of achieving probably your other goals, to be honest. But yeah, you know, these weeks, it's always nice to rack up a few more weeks at the top spot, so they're important.