

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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RORY McILROY (-11)



Q. Rory, it's a great finish for you today, 3 under par. What were you able to take -- this is your first time here at Farmers Insurance Open. What have you been able to take so far from this week?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, it's been a really positive week. You know, when I set the schedule at the start of the year, I wanted to play Hawaii for sure and L.A. I felt five weeks off in between those is a little too much, so I wanted to play somewhere and I've always liked the look of Torrey Pines. I just missed playing the U.S. Open here in 2008, so sort of between here and Phoenix and decided that I wanted to come here and play, and it's been a great decision. I got some good work in with TaylorMade at the start of the week and I've played some really good golf over the past three days, so really happy with this decision.

Q. 11 under par, Adam Scott was just saying he feels like Justin Rose is just playing in a completely different tournament at the moment. How do you frame a final round when you have a player like World No. 1 just playing out of his mind?

RORY McILROY: Yeah, I think right now obviously Adam's a little closer to Justin than I am. Just trying to play for second place right now. Yes, it would be great if I were to get off to a hot start and get 2 or 3 behind with nine holes to play, but realistically if I go out and shoot a solid round of golf shooting something in the 60s again, that's all I can really do. Some weeks you've just got to take your hat off to the guy who's up there. Like Justin this week, he's just played so much better than the rest of the field and sometimes you can't do anything about that.

Q. (No microphone.)

RORY McILROY: The par 5s around here are very gettable, so to only play those in 2 under again was a little disappointing, but yeah, I think anything in the 60s is a good score. The greens are firming up just a little bit, the pins were tucked away in some tricky spots. Okay, maybe I would have liked maybe 68 or 67, but anything in the 60s out there is a pretty good score so I'm pretty pleased with my day's work. Obviously I'm still a lot of shots behind the leader, but that's the way it is sometimes.

Q. Yeah, Rosie's playing so good, so what is the mindset going into tomorrow, not worry about him and just do your own thing?

RORY McILROY: No, not worried about him, not even worried about the leaderboard. Go out and play a good solid round of golf. If I can play similarly tomorrow as I did today, maybe knock in a couple more putts, if I go out there and shoot 67 tomorrow, it's going to be

a really solid week. It might not get me the win, but at the same time I can take a lot of positives from it.