

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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DUSTIN JOHNSON (-16)

Q. DJ, you played beautifully, then you came to the 10th and you had that double bogey. Two questions here. Number one, must have been a shock to the system when you had that double bogey on 10. And how were you able to recover and (inaudible) the next eight?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I was playing good. I mean, I played really well the front nine, even though I missed quite a few short birdie putts on the front nine. And on 10, I actually had a decent shot at the flag, I just misjudged the lie a little bit. I don't know what happened, but it shot straight up in the air, and I did not think it was going to come out like that (inaudible). Then a lot of stuff happened after that. But I ended up making a double. But I don't know, I didn't let it bother me, because I knew I'm playing well and I knew there was plenty of holes I could make birdies on. So yeah, just kept playing.

Q. If you had to pinpoint one aspect of your game that you feel like improved this week, what would it be?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I think I'm doing just everything really well. I feel like I'm driving it well. I'm really controlling the distance well with the irons. And I just, I feel good. The putter is pretty good too. So, I mean, these greens are tricky. I feel like I keep giving myself great opportunities. Hopefully tomorrow I can capitalize on a few more.

Q. Let's move to tomorrow. Trying to within this championship for the second time in three years. With the lead, what attitude do you bring to the golf course?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I mean, I'm going to come out and play exactly how I have been playing the last three days. The guys behind me, got a lot of great players behind me. I'm going to have to go out and shoot a good score probably.

Q. It was interesting out there, you had a few hiccups down No. 10. And how do you sum the day up? Are you happy with the way you're at -- you got to be happy.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, definitely. You're always pleased when you got a nice lead going into Sunday. But, yeah, I mean, just kind of one -- well, two mistakes really. On 10, I just misjudged the lie. I obviously thought I had a good look at the flag, I just did not think the ball was going to come out like it did. And then 16 I made a really good 4 after I just -- I don't know, I got a bad bounce in the fairway. That was the hardest I have seen one bounce all week. But other than that, I thought I played really solid golf, gave myself a lot of opportunities, and yeah, it's just solid all day.

Q. Looks like you got the hang of these greens, poa annua. They're starting to be a little like Pebble Beach poa annua, sort of hard and firm. They get a little bumpy. You look comfortable on the greens. Am I right in saying that?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean the greens are tricky, but yeah, I feel like I got a pretty good beat on them. I just don't hit putts too hard out here. If I'm going to miss it, at least leave it close to the hole.

Q. You got Rory tomorrow, a great player. You're a great player. How much are you looking forward to that being (inaudible)?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, it's going to be fun. I'm going to have to play really well if I want to win tomorrow. I feel like my game's in really good form, so should be a lot of fun.