

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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JEFF MAGGERT (-16)

Q. Bernhard said you guys had a lot of makeable putts today and they weren't going in for the most part.

JEFF MAGGERT: Well, that's the way this game goes, especially on a four-day tournament. And he's exactly right, you get three or four of those putts to go in a round of golf and all of a sudden you're looking at 5 or 6 under instead of 2 under. That was really the story of both of us today.

I hit the ball tee to green pretty well. I hit one little bad iron shot on the par 5 on the front nine, that kind of cost me a bogey, short-sided myself, but good solid playing, just trying to stay patient. I always feel like Saturday's the hardest day to play with the lead because you want to stay in the lead and then, you know, it's like you're kind of in between.

I wanted to be aggressive. It would have been nice to shoot another 4, 5, 6 under, but it's a long way to the finish and just need to play steady tomorrow and make some birdies.

Q. Did you have nerves this morning going into the round knowing what you just said?

JEFF MAGGERT: Not really. I felt similar on -- I was thinking more about shooting another really good score. Obviously if I could come out and shoot another 5, 6, 7 under and put a lot of distance between me and the other guys, it makes Sunday a little easier. But I expected the good scores today, I expected to see another 8, 9, 7 and I'm sure there was a few of those today. The wind was pretty tame all day and the golf course was receptive for birdies.

Q. They say it's always hard to sit on the lead, but is it even harder to go wire to wire?

JEFF MAGGERT: You know, once you get to Sunday, the other three days are gone, you're just playing hard. Like I said, there's going to be a lot of birdies tomorrow, so it's not going to be a day where you just kind of hang around, make a lot of pars and you're going to finish okay. Probably something in the 20-unders is kind of what I was expecting all week. I feel like I need to at least get something 20, 21, 22, 23.

Q. Is tomorrow important in the way you talked yesterday of the last couple years, the golf hasn't been as good as you would have liked? So is tomorrow sort of important to try to get one and carry that over into next year?

JEFF MAGGERT: You know, it's such a funny game. People say, "Well, you've been

having a good year." I'm like, "Well, it's kind of okay," you know, but there's such a fine line. You look at all the guys that are here this week, the top-36 guys, the difference between one of those guys being in the top-10 is such a small margin.

And what happens is you just get frustrated because you want to be near the top, but you just seem to kind of be lagging just a little bit behind. That's kind of the way I played the last two years. I can't by any means come out here and say I've just played terrible golf the last two years, but it's just not the way I wanted to play.