

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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CHRIS DIMARCO

THE MODERATOR: All right. Chris DiMarco, final round 65 here at the Ally Challenge, in the club house 11 under, currently tied for third. And starting the day tied for 32nd and moved up 29 spots. Nice round.

CHRIS DIMARCO: Yeah. Doubtful we would even play today, tell you the truth. So I had a flight at 6:50 that I was holding on to. And once it broke up, we looked at the radar and said we're going to go, so I tried to get myself mentally ready for it.

I had a good drive, a good second shot, and a good third shot on No. 1, made a nice birdie, kind of calmed me down a little bit, and then hit it like two feet on No. 2, made birdie, and then just kind of went around and made some good -- what I did today really well is I made a bunch of good four-, five-footers for -- a couple for par, a couple for birdie. And those are the ones on these greens that can be tricky. I have been practicing a lot at home.

I have been playing a lot. We joined Cherry Hills about a year ago, and I probably played 55, 60 rounds of golf there in the last 75 days. So it's a championship course. It reminds me a lot of this golf course. Same type of grass, the rough is the same, greens are pretty much the same. A little faster out there, but they were getting fast yesterday.

And then they have a par 3 there that I have just been wearing it out, anywhere from 60 yards to 100 yards, and I have been playing it as much as I can. And my wedge game this week was spot on. I made one on 14 today, I made one on 16 the first day, from 86 yards the first day, I made it from 65 today. And then all my other little ones around the hole, I made a bunch of little kick-ins. And I hit it -- I had a foot on number 16 and it was spinning back, almost went in there, too. So just good to go out and play a good solid round.

And I told Brian, my caddie, on number 14 -- we made birdie to get to 6 under for the day. And I said, let's see if we can birdie the last four and put a number up and let them shoot for something. So we tried to keep the pedal down the whole day as much as we could, especially coming in. It would have been easy to kind of settle back and go, okay, well, none of us are caving in. I was trying to make birdies coming in. I had a good shot on 18. 18 is playing long. I hit driver, 4-iron, to about 15 feet right at the hole and it just didn't break. So good overall round, good way to come back after a big layoff.

THE MODERATOR: Knowing you needed a low round today, were you watching the scoreboards at all or just saying, let's just go low and keep our head down, or were you taking a look at what was happening around you?

CHRIS DIMARCO: It just happened quickly, tell you the truth, because I birdied 12, birdied 13, eagled 14, parred 15, and birdied 16, so all of a sudden I went from 2 under to 7 under in five holes, and then all of a sudden now you're looking at the board with two holes to go and you're going, okay, what do we need to do? And just hit two good shots into 17 -- I mean, made a good shot on 17 and made two good shots on 18 and gave myself a chance on both, which is good. I don't want to be scrambling down the stretch. Good aggressive swing on 18, hit a 4-iron in there, great shot, about 15 feet right of the hole.

Q. Quigley just bogeyed 10, so you're within two shots. Are you thinking you got a shot here or --

CHRIS DIMARCO: You never know. I mean, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are -- well, 11 is pretty good today, but 12, 13, 14 -- for him, 13 is a par 4. Anything can happen. And 15 is playing tough, 18 is playing tough. But I think that there's too many guys -- Furyk is up there. He's a proven winner. I don't think he's going to come back too much either. So he loves it here.

I certainly won't have my first beer yet. I'll wait a couple holes. I have been looking forward to it all week, I haven't had a drink all week. So I'm -- I'm going to go watch a little bit and see what happens. But very pleased with the restart of the year.

THE MODERATOR: Okay. Thanks, Chris.