

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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PATRICK REED (-4)



Q. Patrick, happy with the round out there today?

PATRICK REED: It was okay. Considering how hot the putter was yesterday and the day before, I felt like I missed a couple putts today. You know, on top of that, I seemed to finally hit the ball a little straighter, especially with my irons, I felt like I had control over them. It's just early on and throughout that round I just couldn't quite figure out the distances. It seemed to be they're just short of greens, just over greens and things like that, where instead of having good looks for birdie, having to scramble.

So it's close. The driver and the tee shots definitely got better. I felt like I was hitting my lines on my putts. That's really all I can do is just continue doing that, hopefully read them a little better and give myself a little bit more opportunity.

Q. How difficult was the course playing out there today?

PATRICK REED: It was tough. This golf course always gets firmer and faster as the week goes on, but then on top of this, with adding the wind and some of the pin placements as well as seemed like the wind kept on kind of bouncing between two directions on me. With that being said, it's just hard, it's hard to judge it correctly and get the right distance.

The great thing is I feel like I'm starting the ball where I'm trying to start it off the tee and on iron shots, now it's just go out and execute and let the putter do some work.

Q. I know you won't know how far back you'll be at the end of the day. What's your thoughts on tomorrow, what you might need to do? Do you need to be more aggressive? What's your game plan going to be?

PATRICK REED: It's going to depend. It's going to depend on what the wind's doing, what that lead ends up getting to and really how I feel. I felt like today was a move in the right direction on ball-striking, kind of directional aside.

That being said, if I feel like I'm in that same pattern, depending on certain pins, I might be a little more aggressive on certain flags. But this is a golf course that if you start playing really aggressive, it can really bite you. Just going to kind of take the day as I can and really, for me, just get it on the green, allow the putter to do some work. If I can give myself enough opportunities to make enough putts, hopefully can get a low one and make those guys look at my score up there and have them try to think about it.