

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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PAUL BARJON (-11)

Q. Back in the clubhouse, turning in 7 under, tell me about the third round today.

PAUL BARJON: Yeah, it was one of these rounds where it didn't really matter where I am, the ball is kind of going in on the greens, so that's always fun. Putt like Jordan Spieth for one day. Hopefully, I can do it again tomorrow.

But no, great round. A little bit of a disappointing finish with a double bogey. didn't end up on the best note, but overall a great day gaining some ground on the leaders and getting another tee time and trying to do it again tomorrow.

Q. Talk about that final hole. What was going on on 18?

PAUL BARJON: You know, I tried to hit 3-wood instead of hybrid because of the wind, the wind was a little bit in a different direction, and just kind of hit it hard left. And I was facing the water and the rough so I caught kind of a flyer on the second shot and it went more right than I thought, so just went in the water. And I think that's a tough pin placement today, so not an easy hole to start with, so when you hit it in the water, it makes it a little tougher.

Q. And early on the scorecard you had a string of birdies there. What was clicking?

PAUL BARJON: You know, I finally hit my wedges a little better today. First couple days, couple times I was about a hundred yards and then missed it long, both flew a little longer than expected. Put myself within 20 feet, sometimes more, and just pretty much rolled everything I was looking at. That was a good time.

Q. Early in the morning today you put yourself in good contention. Still a lot of golf to be played today, but what are takeaways from today's round going into tomorrow's final round?

PAUL BARJON: Just that if I get on a roll, I can make some birdies. So I think on this course it's important to just have the ability to, hey, I can make, you know, more than six birdies and maybe go take on the leaders, and I think that's what I did today and have another shot at it tomorrow.

Q. You have already secured your PGA TOUR card for next season. What do events like this do to help you towards getting ready for next season?

PAUL BARJON: Well, you know, that's probably an event that I'll play next year, so first of all, it's like, okay, I'm going to know the course a little better. Also, just getting reps with

these guys and seeing what the PGA TOUR's about really, because I think I've got a couple U.S. Opens and PGA TOURs under my belt, but really not that much experience. It's just, yeah, a bonus. Trying to kind of feel comfortable out there for next year.

Q. Is there any difference between KFT and this tour that you've noticed in terms of like the players?

PAUL BARJON: I don't think so. I mean, obviously everybody out here is good. Everybody's good on the Korn Ferry, too. Everybody gets a tee time. And on the other hand, on the Korn Ferry I usually tee off first, here I tee off last, so it's a little different setting. But I think I've got to get used to it for next year because as a rookie you'll have late tee times. Same thing, you know. A lot of extra things you have, a little bit -- it's a step above. So you get extra things as a player, that's really nice, but at the end of the day you've got to shoot a good score on 72 holes and try to win.