

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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SAM RYDER (-20)

Q. Sam, 7-under 65, just an excellent round today and for the week. Really just one bad hole for you all week.

SAM RYDER: Yeah. I mean, yeah. If I'd taken like a deep breath and a sigh of relief a little bit right now because it was just really -- it's just been a really long year for me, you know. With COVID continued on to the restart and playing a lot and struggling early this year, it's kind of been feast or famine.

But yeah, this was a good week and I'm definitely getting back to my form and what I know is more of the way I like to play golf. And I had success here in the past, so really just like start -- like, I mean, that drive on 18 yesterday was a yard from being in the fairway and it kicks in the water and I get a jumper and make a double. Didn't make a single bogey other than that all week. Just played really solid. Irons were great. Feels good.

Q. Big week for you. I know less points available, but still a big week for you FedExCup-wise as well.

SAM RYDER: Yeah. It's completely -- it's just completely, you know, part of the job of knowing where you're at and I think I've been putting a lot of pressure on myself, but I just haven't been playing the way I -- it's been close. It's like we've been kind of like I've had a good nine or a good round here or there, but couldn't quite put the nail on it. Now it's like it really doesn't feel like it's going away for a little bit, so I feel good about just some of the things I'm doing with my golf swing, which is I've kind of been used to being more ball-strike oriented play and I've been trying to ride scrambling and putter, which is just not my DNA as far as a golfer. So it's just been nice to kind of start hitting it a little bit better and hopefully that continues through the Playoffs and stuff.

Q. I know you would like to be at The Open, but two top-10s at this event, so you love this event.

SAM RYDER: Yeah. I was talking about it with my buddy, like the holes just shape well to my eye. I hit a cut with my driver. You can kind of -- like it really sets up for a cut. Just I was in good form last time I played, I was coming off a second-place finish at the Deere and this week I kind of found it a little bit more this week, even honestly kind of Wednesday. Changed my grip a little bit and made a couple little tweaks. But I think the course sets up good to my eye. It's soft, so you're really just chucking darts with your irons and it kind of lets my iron play kind of shine.

Q. Other than those tweaks, anything you would point to as --

SAM RYDER: I had my buddy, Brant, come in on the bag. I want him to get in here. I had him fill in this week. So he does real estate, he has a real job, so it was cool. It was really fun. I called him last minute. My caddie, since we added late to the schedule, so my caddie had the week off back home because we have some events coming. And he was right there for me like without a skip and a beat, and we just honestly had such a fun time and just had so many laughs. It was just great, it was just fun. It's going to be a special memory for us.

Q. Brant, just one double bogey all week. Are you going to take credit for that?

BRANT DELONGY: I mean, the guy played pretty flawless, man. I had the easiest job of everyone this week with the way this guy's hitting them. My job was easy. Back to my normal job tomorrow, I guess. It was awesome.

SAM RYDER: Going to be a tough night to be a dirty martini.