

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
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**WILL ZALATORIS ( -9)**

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**Q. Good playing.**

**WILL ZALATORIS:** Thank you.

**Q. Like in the Masters, we did like a watch party when we were watching you.**

**WILL ZALATORIS:** I'm so surprised to see you.

**Q. Yeah. I've been following you and doing great. I just have one question for you.**

**WILL ZALATORIS:** Sure.

**Q. Great round today. I wanted to ask, knowing that you had to win this tournament to qualify for the Playoffs, does that act as motivation for you on the weekend to go low or do you like to block that out and focus on your game and the process?**

**WILL ZALATORIS:** Yeah, it's freeing. I've got nothing to lose. Finishing second doesn't do me any good. I was just joking, I don't know why I left the putt short on 17 and 18, it's not like running them by or missing them or whatever matters.

Yeah, so it's absolutely freeing. If there's a chance to take out there, I've got to take it. It's a lot of fun, honestly, playing golf like this where you've got absolutely nothing to lose. There's something to be said for that.

**Q. And how does that feeling compare to another time where maybe it did not feel so freeing or you've felt like you had more pressure on you?**

**WILL ZALATORIS:** Yeah, I think, you know, my back had been bothering me for a couple months and I was really trying hard to win, trying to get on the Ryder Cup team, trying to force it and trying to be a part of the FedExCup Playoffs. It kind of, it wasn't healthy because it was every single week, if I made one single mistake, I made a bigger deal out of it than I should have. So it's a good lesson learned. Jordan Spieth has always said "I'm playing with house money" and that's kind of exactly how I feel I'm playing.

**Q. I want you to analyze her questions compared to other reporters.**

**WILL ZALATORIS:** She killed it. I tried to give the best answers I could.