

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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JIM FURYK (-11)

Q. Obviously some opportunities out there that didn't quite go your way. What did you make of the round?

JIM FURYK: Well, I got off to a good start, birdied three of the first five. Saw a little trouble on 5, 6, 7, I definitely saw a little bit of trouble, but was able to play those three holes 1 under par, so kind of off to the races.

I thought the golf course played extremely tough. I did a really good job with my short game, kind of hanging in there, making some pars. Then I made a couple -- I made about four swings on the back nine I wasn't real happy about; the iron at 11, good up-and-down, the drive at 12, good up-and-down. I hit an awful shot into 15, I tried to get kind of cute with the second shot, I was a little worried that 5-wood was going to be a little too much. A 4-iron was nowhere near enough, so I was trying to hit it real easy and I hit it fat.

When I look back, the par 5s on the back nine is where I make -- I play those even par, I make one birdie, I'm tied for the lead. I make two birdies from perfect drives, which I should have, I win the golf tournament. Looking back, the 5s kind of got -- I birdied all four the first day, two of them yesterday, today I had honestly in perfect position, had a 10-footer straight up the hill at 8 that I didn't make and then from perfect drives at 15 to 18 to not come up with a birdie, that was disappointing.

Q. Did you know where you were at, what you needed to do?

JIM FURYK: Yeah, there were scoreboards everywhere. The only hole on the way in I think that didn't have a scoreboard was 16. I hit good putts, I struggled with my speed today. I hit everything did a touch soft. Not that I didn't get it to the hole, but I missed everything just breaking on the low edge. Did it on 18, did it on 17. No. 17 was just a misread. No. 16 was actually the best putt I hit all day and it caught a bit of that top edge breaking four feet. That was a great putt. No. 15, didn't quite hit it. No. 14, actually hit it a little too hard. I just, I didn't get my speed right. I was kind of down the line hitting some good solid putts, but didn't match up the speed and the line.

Q. Eighteen was a good putt.

JIM FURYK: It was a good putt, but I didn't hit it hard enough. If I hit that ball where it goes a foot by the hole, I knock it in.

Q. How tough is that bunker shot? You were on the downslope, right?

JIM FURYK: Yeah, the only way I could have gotten it close was kind of one-hop it out of the rough and get a lucky bounce, which I was actually trying to, if I could, just trying to spin it, hit it up on top of the plateau and see if I could get it down. If you err, you err long where I did where I got a putt at it. I got a good look.

Q. (Indiscernible.)

JIM FURYK: To get it inside 10 feet, 10 feet would have been a really good shot. Inside that it would have had to come through the rough.

Q. Rod Pampling's up here after his round saying I'm hoping I have a chance, that nobody birdies, I just want to hang on. I don't think anybody was thinking he was going to win outright. Is that kind of those it's the unpredictability of golf kind of day?

JIM FURYK: It is, it is. And this golf course kind of -- it's a severe golf course by design so it's a place that you're going to -- you're going to see a lot of birdies, but a lot of bogeys. Today on the way in everyone kind of ended up making some bogeys and went the other way. It's just kind of that type of golf course. There's some holes where there's just no bail-out, so you fly it at the pin and if you hit a good shot, great; if not, you make bogey. There's a few of those holes.