

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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JAMES HAHN (-4)



Q. James, how big of a grind was it not all day -- not just all day but on that back nine?

JAMES HAHN: Biggest grind that I've had in a long time. I don't like counting how many up-and-downs that I had. It's a little disappointing that I didn't make the last one, but you can't be picky. Had a really good day out there, it was fun. I had a good time playing with Kurt and Denny. All in all, it's just a tough day and it's kind of fun that we're all enjoying it together.

Q. We talked about this yesterday, where you grew up and you're used to these kind of conditions. Does that just set you in a good place in your mind when you come out in these conditions, you can be a little more positive possibly?

JAMES HAHN: Absolutely. I practiced in this stuff probably more than anybody else out here. I grew up in California and so my dad would make me go out and hit balls. Please don't call the -- you know, I did it by choice, let's say that. I feel like it helped out today. It's one of those days where I feel comfortable. I know kind of how the wind's blowing, I know how much rain to play. To me, it felt like a pretty easy round. I didn't feel like I played that bad, but there's always tomorrow.

Q. With so many of your up-and-downs, James, you were kind of pumping yourself up through the whole thing. How important was it to win those battles, to win this fight today?

JAMES HAHN: You're going up against Denny, he's the hometown kid. It seemed like everyone was cheering him on and the only time they cheered for me was when my ball rolled over the green, so we kind of had a kick about that. I felt like you need that. You feel like you're at an away game on the golf course. When Denny's making a lot of putts and he's making par saves, he's getting all the claps, and when I tap in for par I don't get too much. For me to go out there and put myself up, if no one's going to do it, you do it yourself.

Q. When you come out tomorrow what's one of the biggest things you're going to focus on to try to raise the trophy at the end of the day?

JAMES HAHN: I feel like the biggest thing I can do is not get ahead of myself. Literally, just one foot at a time. Today I was counting my footsteps, something simple as that. I was putting my left foot in front of the right foot and thinking about that. The less you think ahead I feel like you can stay in the present and make better golf swings.