

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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JEFF MAGGERT (-13)



Q. Still golf to be played out there, but what an incredible way to finish, birdies on five of your last six holes, 7-under 65. Got to feel pretty good about that.

JEFF MAGGERT: Yeah, I tried to stay patient. Going into the week I just felt a lot of things were happening in my favor. I was starting to hit the ball really well and putting a little bit better. Yesterday was a little bit of a disappointment shooting 2 under, I thought I should have played a little better, and today I just came out and just said be patient, try to make as many birdies as you can. Front nine was a little slow and then all of a sudden on the back nine the putts started going in, hit a few balls close to the hole, had a nice par save on 17.

You know, we'll see. Hopefully that will be good enough maybe for a playoff. No. 16's playing pretty easy, so some of those guys will probably make birdies there, and see what happens on 17 and 18.

Q. You mentioned over a 30-year history here at Warwick Hills. Just some thoughts on the course and how you kind of found it to suit your game over the decades.

JEFF MAGGERT: I played almost all the tournaments here I think on the regular Tour starting in '91 and then all the ones that we've had on the Champions Tour as well.

The course is pretty much the same. I always remember the greens being really good here and having to make a lot of birdies to win. The golf course was in great shape this week, the greens were great, but that's kind of what we usually see here. Just glad to have a good week. Been struggling a little bit this year and hopefully this will be a sign of things to come.

Q. Was there anything that you saw in the first two rounds in that back nine that kind of gave you some confidence going into there, because it seemed once you got into a flow --

JEFF MAGGERT: Yeah, I played good on Friday on both nines. I think I was 4 under on the back nine and then bogeyed 18, but I was feeling I could make some birdies out there.

Yesterday was just kind of not so great on the front, but I shot I think 3 under on the back nine yesterday. So for the week, 12 under on the back nine, so that's pretty much my tournament right there.

Q. A lot of guys were talking about how the putting, it seemed like that was just a struggle for a lot of the guys. How do you kind of feel like mentally you were dealing with that?

JEFF MAGGERT: I've always thought the greens are very good here, but there's a lot of little subtle breaks and they're kind of difficult to read. You know, the little five-, eight-, 10-footers you think it's a straight putt and then it will break an inch off the hole. So there's a lot of putts like that that are difficult to read. If you're stroking the ball well and hitting the ball close, you have an opportunity to make a lot of birdies.

Q. And then just the fist bump at 18, how relieving was that?

JEFF MAGGERT: Actually, the par save on 17 felt really good, too. On putts like that, I'm aware of the leaderboard at that point, I didn't think making par there was going to be enough to probably win. I was thinking you need to be at least 13 to have a chance for a playoff. I just -- you know, I had a good read on the putt, I just wanted to hit a good stroke and get it online that I saw and the speed was perfect.

Q. How are you going to spend the next 15, 20 minutes?

JEFF MAGGERT: I'll just relax a little bit. The leaders are coming up quick here, I don't know what hole they're on, but looks like I'm probably going to have 45 minutes here to wait to see what happens and if there's a playoff, I'll be ready.