

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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PATRICK RODGERS (-14)



Q. How do you characterize your 6-under par day today?

PATRICK RODGERS: It was a really good day out there. I thought it was going to be maybe a little bit more difficult than it ended up being. Just at the start it was kind of like overcast, a little cool and a little breezy, but when the sun came out I felt like maybe there was some chances to score and get after the golf course a little bit.

I was fortunate to get on a nice run there on the back nine, and today is all about positioning and I'm right there with a chance tomorrow, which is a really fun opportunity.

Q. What do you feel like did you best today?

PATRICK RODGERS: I rolled it nicely today, which is good. I mean, these surfaces are like putting on glass, like putting on a pool table. They're just phenomenal. It's really a treat to putt on these surfaces, and so I felt like if I could just get them started online I could start to see a lot go in. It was nice to do that today.

Q. We talked just couple -- last week in Houston, actually. Jeez. Seems like so long ago now. The confidence that you're kind of carrying in, all the work that you and Jeff Smith have done, is this just kind of a -- and I know the weekend probably didn't go the way -- obviously didn't go the way you would like it to, but is this just the confidence that maybe you had from the first couple days carrying over into this week?

PATRICK RODGERS: Yeah, I was really just trying to focus just on the present, but also at the same time, I really wanted to finish the fall off the right way. It had been a long fall with a lot of events, but I felt like I had been making progress and I just wanted to continue that.

I feel like my game is good enough, my mentality is sharp enough to give myself chances to win, and I'm excited that I have another one tomorrow.

Q. What do you believe you have to do differently than maybe you did last week to hopefully hold the trophy tomorrow?

PATRICK RODGERS: Last week I didn't adjust to the cold very well. Got off to a bad start on Saturday and was kind of out of the tournament fairly early on Saturday. So it'll be nice to be in the thick of it on a Sunday. But it's the same thing: I got to control what I can control and really back myself, and I do.



Q. How much different is your kind of mental approach, your mentality, how you go about things now than, say, maybe a year or so ago?

PATRICK RODGERS: Than a year or so ago? A year or so ago I just kind of fought to get my card back. It was a humbling experience, but I felt like a year ago at this tournament I had put together a nice fall and felt a lot more grounded in who I was as a PGA TOUR player.

I feel incredibly settled in. I honestly feel like a veteran a bit out here at this point. Most of the time I'm playing with guys who are younger than I am, and plus experience, and so I'm going to try to lean on that tomorrow. I'm looking forward to the chance.

Q. Real quick, I know you've been watching the Birdies Fore Love leaderboard.

PATRICK RODGERS: Uh-huh.

Q. You're pretty close to the top. I think you're like one birdie off going into the final round. Talk about your thoughts on that and what it would mean to win that.

PATRICK RODGERS: Yeah, it's a really cool initiative. It's a great charitable organization, and I was fortunate enough to donate some money a few years ago at this tournament. I think it made a tremendous impact in my community, Indianapolis.

And I've been following the leaderboard. I would love the opportunity to do it again. So just a little extra incentive to keep me aggressive tomorrow on a day where, you know, at times up near the top it's easy to play defensive.

So I'm pumped that my motivation is to make as many birdies as I can. That's great.

Q. Will the money go to the same places it did three years ago?

PATRICK RODGERS: Yeah, I'll have to sit down with my wife and figure out sort of the best way to allocate it, but like I said, it's a tremendous opportunity. It's an amazing organization. I would be honored to have some money to donate.

