

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**January 27, 2023**



**SAM RYDER ( -12)**

**Q. Sam, that's golf today, right? I mean, sometimes the putts fall, sometimes they don't, but overall you've got to be pleased you're still atop the leaderboard.**

**SAM RYDER:** Yeah, I'm pretty happy with the way I played today. I hit a lot of really good shots, hit a lot of fairways, made a couple nice par saves when I had to, a couple gut-check putts midway through the round and obviously hit a couple -- that's just the nature of this place. It's just late in the day, it's just the greens get tougher to putt. Some of the guys that went off a little earlier, the greens were a little better, maybe had some more success, but you want to be in that position late. So enjoying that and hopefully I can get a couple more to drop tomorrow.

**Q. Talk about the mentality of scrambling, because you're 9/10 this week in doing so, perfect today, 4/4.**

**SAM RYDER:** Yeah, I don't feel like I have a lot of weaknesses with my game right now. I think I was leading the week, I don't know if I still am, in greens in regulation. My iron play feels great, but if you get out of position off the tee, there's just nothing you can do other than try and save a couple shots.

But I'm missing in the right spot, I think that's the biggest difference is I'm not short-siding myself. So yeah, 9/10 up-and-downs, but leaving it in the right spot so I'm not having to hit the miracle shot every time, just trying to manage my way around. You don't have to go out there and shoot 66 every day out here, which I like. You just stay patient and make a lot of pars and saving a couple of those, they just keep the round going.

**Q. Final thing, tomorrow's an opportunity. Professional golfers want to have an opportunity to win on Sunday, you have that tomorrow. I mean, how do you control the excitement of that?**

**SAM RYDER:** Yeah, I mean, I'm not really trying to overcontrol it, I'm just trying to embrace it and enjoy it because this is ultimately what we want, right? That's why we play.

You can't recreate -- I can't recreate that anywhere else in my line of work, so it's just exciting, it's fun. So I'm going to try and get some rest and shut off and distract myself a little bit if I can and get some good food in me. I'm just looking forward to a good day tomorrow and I know it's probably going to go by quick.