

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
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**SAM RYDER ( -9)**

**Q. Sam, what was the difference today?**

**SAM RYDER:** Haven't really processed a whole lot to be honest right now, I just walked off the course. But just didn't get it done. Just I got off to a good start making birdie on 1 and couldn't get -- I got into a nice rhythm on the front later and then put myself in an impossible spot on 8 and just I kind of --

I battled hard, though. Birdie on 10, and 15 I didn't hit a terrible drive and just had a terrible lie. Went for a tough shot and just a couple -- a combination of bad shots and a couple bad breaks and not enough made putts. And it's a very fine line between par and double bogey out here on this course. Battled a lot, but hopefully there's going to be more opportunities.

**Q. Can you describe that lie at 15 from the fairway rough?**

**SAM RYDER:** From the fairway rough? Yeah, I was just -- it was swirly. I mean, I had like only 150 yards to the front of the green. Jon was a little past me on the right and he was able to fly it on the green and stop it. I couldn't even sniff the front edge, I was 30-yards short of the green lashing an 8-iron as hard as I could. Just kind of had a weird lie in the fairway and went for what was the shot to try and get up and down and it just flew it, you know, a pace too far and got behind the green. You know, yeah, it was just -- and then felt like I hit a pretty good putt and it didn't turn. It was just a combination, it just happens fast.

Yeah, it is what it is.

**Q. Were there any points after the eighth hole where you felt like you got back into your rhythm only to fall out of it?**

**SAM RYDER:** So I made a bad swing on 8, which is a tough little shot. I think we kind of made a bad decision on the club selection there and then I hit a bad shot to compound it. I don't know chicken and the egg and what caused that necessarily, but I hit a perfect chip and had no chance basically. But gave myself -- like I hit a perfect drive on 9, perfect layup and I'm in a divot with my wedge shot. No. 10, hit it to this, you know, and hit really good shots on 11, 12. I mean, it was a perfect drive on 13, kind of got wayward on the second.

But I made a lot of good swings and I kind of, you know, like I said, I battled pretty hard, I just couldn't really get confident on the greens. I made a couple nice par saves, but I didn't get the ball close enough, didn't hit enough fairways. Simple as that. I'm sure Max drove it better than I did and was hitting it closer and was making more putts.

**Q. Were there any new emotions today that you hadn't experienced before?**

**SAM RYDER:** Yeah, there was definitely a lot of new pressure, but it was fun. I was trying to just enjoy it. Like you know, it was a good experience for me and I think it's only going to feed me. My attitude was no matter what happens, there's going to be positives to take away.

It's hard to swallow right now, but that's what I'm telling myself. You know, I'll be able to build on that. And I really feel like playing with some of the best players in the world, I hit a lot of really good shots.

And it just as easily in my opinion could have gone the other way and I could have pulled a couple shots off and made a couple more putts and it could have been a completely different storyline at the end there. But it happens fast. It is what it is. Going to have to just keep plugging and try to put myself in that position again.