

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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MARK HENSBY (-4)



Q. Great finish this week, Mark. How does it feel just after everything, you know, this week, last year you may have hung it up and then to have a solo second finish, just what's the emotions right now? How do you feel about how you played?

MARK HENSBY: I played well today. I knew Stephen wasn't going to make a mistake, so I was trying to get it close to some holes. And I short-sided myself, I knew a double bogey was inevitable after that. Then kind of got deflated a little bit, but realized, hey, I've got to stick in there and try and finish at least second at worst.

Q. What does it mean heading into next week being in the field at Chubb just having this strong start to kick off the year?

MARK HENSBY: Yeah, good. I mean, not being in contention in a long, long time, so obviously I felt like I handled myself pretty well. But no, next week should be hopefully getting to the same boat and have a chance to win again.

Q. Mark, after the couple of short missed birdie putts, especially the one on 12, did that put a little, you know, kind of way to go or what?

MARK HENSBY: Yeah, it's funny, I hit a really nice putt there and it just didn't go in. And it was unfortunate I just couldn't put enough pressure on Stephen at that time because that was the time where I think that things could have changed, especially I would have been tied then.

But then, as I said, I knew he wasn't going to make a mistake so I had to kind of try and push it a little bit. As I said, then I got deflated a little bit and I was all upset with making a double. Then I got obviously a really bad lie in the bunker on the next hole, yeah, but I hung in. I had some chances. I didn't putt very well today and that's what you've got to do to win.

Q. Second place, though, to start the year, that's still a great start.

MARK HENSBY: Oh, for sure. If you told me I was going to be coming here and going to finish second by myself, I would have probably -- probably would have taken the trip. But as I said, this golf course is brutal and I think everybody can attest to that. But at the end of the day, it was a great week.

Q. Do you feel some validation in your decision to come back?

MARK HENSBY: Yeah. I mean, this was a very personal decision and it's just, it's one of



those things that no doubt. I mean, you know, to make whatever I made today, I'd have to work two years to make what I made today. I love golf, I enjoy it and I enjoyed today a lot even though I didn't win. Being under the pressure that's what you practice for. That was fun, that was fun.

Q. We talked in Canada and you talked about teaching kids.

MARK HENSBY: Yes.

Q. Is that the plan?

MARK HENSBY: I love it, yeah. Roberto Diaz, who's playing the Korn Ferry right now, he's got off to a great start. I've been working with him for a month just in some of the Mach III training that we do. He's got his first top 20 in a while. When he messaged me, there's nothing better than knowing that you helped a kid and you feel like you're helping someone. Hopefully down the track I'll do that for sure.

Q. Have you heard from him this week?

MARK HENSBY: Not this week, no. My phone has been dead off and on. I'm sure I'll hear from him, though.

