

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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GRAYSON MURRAY (-13)



GRAYSON MURRAY: Really draw on their -- you can feel the emotion when they're pulling for me and yeah, it's exciting, for sure.

Q. Yeah. Now, I read somewhere that this was the first club to give you a scholarship so you can play here, or you were the first recipient of that scholarship. How does that lend to your confidence going into the weekend?

GRAYSON MURRAY: Yeah, I think I got that scholarship when I was 12 and played out here through high school. Obviously John McConnell was nice enough to do that for me. It elevated my game tremendously and got me to the college level prepared.

The course was a little different back then, obviously the new changes are a little different. Yeah, I still know this course better than anyone in this field.

I'm in good position tomorrow. I don't know if I'll be in the lead or tied for the lead or a couple back. Doesn't really matter, I'm just right there where I need to be. Just looking forward to tomorrow, for sure.

Q. You obviously know this course very well. You have the least amount of bogeys in the field right now. Tell me a little bit about the round and how it plays to your strengths.

GRAYSON MURRAY: Yeah, I almost made a mess of No. 2 today and made really a long 30-, 40-footer for bogey there, which kind of got my round started. Which is weird to say when you make a bogey, but it was like stealing one there. Left some putts out there.

But you've got to look at the positives and look at where you stole some shots like No. 2 today. Just keep doing what I'm doing, hitting fairways and hitting greens, just give myself as many looks as I can tomorrow.

Q. You had a great back nine. Some didn't fall, but really good looks, a couple birdies. Now, how do you feel like these greens -- I mean, they're obviously playing very tough.

GRAYSON MURRAY: Yeah.



Q. But how do you work around it?

GRAYSON MURRAY: Yeah, I think everyone is probably I wouldn't say struggling, but they're definitely different than what we usually are used to out here on this tour with the undulations. I think everyone has their times where if you're above the hole you're just trying to two-putt and move on. Yeah, I mean, if you hit it in the wrong spot, you're trying your best just to two-putt or to walk away with par.

Q. You won a couple weeks ago, in the top few today, so what have you done to your game recently that's really made you step it up?

GRAYSON MURRAY: Yeah, just a lot of hard work. Kind of get what you put into it, that's what Tiger's always said and I'm a true believer in it. I kind of had a reality check with myself a little bit, 29 years old now. I'm not young compared to some of these kids and I have my best golf I know is in front of me if I keep working hard and doing the right things off the course.

Q. What did that win a couple weeks ago do just for your confidence? Do you feel like it's kind of freed you up to play?

GRAYSON MURRAY: Yeah, I think it was over six years since the last win, between wins. Yeah, I mean, it's tough to win on any tour. Yeah, I think just getting more comfortable in this position is going to be huge for me tomorrow. It's going to be a marathon even with 18 holes left, it's not going to be a sprint, that's what we keep telling ourselves. If we can just stay close to the lead, keeping them in our sights, then the last few holes we'll see what happens.

Q. What would a win here in front of your home crowd, your friends and family mean tomorrow?

GRAYSON MURRAY: Yeah, I mean, I think Chesson Hadley did it a few years ago when we were playing at Wakefield. I think anytime you get to play in front of your hometown, which is very rare, it's always exciting.

Yeah, it would mean a lot. My mom's going to be able to come out and watch tomorrow, which will be great. Yeah, I mean, it's -- you know, I think if there's one place I would pick to win on this tour it would probably be here.

Q. How many people did you have out watching you today?

GRAYSON MURRAY: I don't know, I don't know the number, but there's a lot of familiar faces in the crowd, for sure.

Q. Have you been kind of soaking in the hometown, eating at your favorite restaurants and stuff?



GRAYSON MURRAY: Yeah, I've been kind of low key. I'm just staying at my parents' house actually about 20 minutes away. Nothing crazy. I'm kind of low key these days.

Right after I get done with this I'm just going to go home, probably get Uber Eats or something and go to bed pretty early and try to figure out what I'm going to do with my time in the morning before my late tee time. Just kind of stick to what I've been doing.

Q. How do you calm those nerves tomorrow going in?

GRAYSON MURRAY: You know, I embrace it.

