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ROUND 3 QUOTES

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RYAN GERARD (-18)



Q. Tough finish, but what would you say about the day as a whole for you?

RYAN GERARD: It was a grind. I mean, the course played a lot tougher this afternoon than the first two days, for sure, and probably this morning. Just greens got really firm. I mean, if you hit it in the rough, you had basically no chance. Some fairways are really hard to hit because of how much they're bouncing. It was a proper grind out there and unfortunately didn't quite have my best stuff, so I felt the brunt of it and yeah, it was a tough finish, but still think we're in a decent spot for tomorrow.

Q. What are you trying to do when you don't have your best stuff? Just walk me through.

RYAN GERARD: Yeah, it's tough because it's always probably a little bit different than -- it's not always ball-striking, it's not always putting. Today I really didn't make any putts, I wasn't hitting it nearly as close as I have been. I think I was just trying to really continue to put pressure on the golf course, try and make good quality swing after good quality swing and just really put myself in good spots up near the greens and keep it underneath the holes if possible.

Just try not to get ahead of myself and really just put it in the best spot possible for every shot. Sometimes that's leaving it short of the green up the hill, sometimes that's hitting it past the pin or on a short side that you wouldn't normally think about, but just trying to leave yourself the best possible next shot.

Q. When something's like off in your game like that, is it something you can sense like when you're warming up, practicing, or do you really not know until you get into your round a little bit?

RYAN GERARD: You know, it wasn't really anything that I felt, it was just more of I got out there, hit a couple wayward drives, had to do some adjusting. I feel like I adjusted nicely. Then a couple weird bounces, a couple balls flying a little bit differently than I expected. I mean, it wasn't like -- we're talking like smallest of margins, but when it gets really firm, the rough gets penal and when the pin placements are in tough spots, it's a proper test. Just the slightest nuances that aren't exactly what they need to be, you get absolutely -- you pay the price.

So it's one of those where it happens. I mean, it's life, that's golf, so just going to go out



there and try and do better tomorrow. But it isn't like -- it's not the end of the world, it's not like it's way off. It's right there. You're six inches on one hole from being fine. Ball probably came close to crossing the hazard on 18, couldn't tell for sure. So, I mean, could be a shot there if it goes another foot. It happens, the margins are razor thin, guys are really good and someone's going to be on and someone's going to play well.

Q. What do you think the biggest challenge is going to be tomorrow?

RYAN GERARD: Just staying patient. The golf course, everyone will be playing in the morning, so it will be there for the taking. Just going to really try and stay patient out there. Just go out there, try and really not overdo things, not overthink things and just play my game. If I do that, I like my chances.

Q. What do you think will be the easiest thing to do tomorrow?

RYAN GERARD: Probably just hit at some flagsticks when you have to. I mean, it takes a lot of restraint. Just the golf course the first two days when I was playing it was a lot different than it is right now. I mean, I played 10 to 12 yards of bounce on certain wedge shots that yesterday they might have even been spinning back.

Tomorrow hopefully in the morning a little different condition, maybe it's firm for everyone, maybe it's not, but it's just adjusting to the stuff on the fly and really going out there and picking your spots. But when I get a chance to go at a pin, like it's green light. That's what you come here to do, so it should be fun.

