

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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JUSTIN ROSE (-4)

Q. Four under today in some tough conditions. What did you like about your round?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, I like the score, I love the position I'm in going into tomorrow, but obviously you only get to that point by going doing the work out on the golf course.

Early in the round, holes 1 and 2, it was the calm before the storm, and obviously making an early eagle on No. 2 at least got the round up and running and kind of playing with a little bit of house money because there were definitely some stretches out there on the golf course where you just had to grind it out and par was kind of all that was on offer, especially 9 and 10, I've never seen those holes play that tough.

But then I noticed that the leaderboard and the scoreboard wasn't, there were guys actually still playing pretty well out there. When we kind of turned on 11, slightly downwind and I realized maybe there's some opportunities to score coming in, I kind of refocused on being on the front foot rather than being defensive and managed to get a few birdies coming in and obviously a good position going into tomorrow.

Q. The courses playing challenging physically and mentally, is it fun when it separates the leaderboard out there or what challenges does it bring?

JUSTIN ROSE: Once you do get up toward the top end of the leaderboard, I think that's where you can kind of settle in and that's where the grinding and the commitment becomes easier in a way.

I feel like on days like today, if you find yourself running middle of the pack, I think that's where you can be a little bit more frustrated with the conditions.

Yeah, I felt very into the round, I felt very committed, I enjoyed the challenge and the battle. Yeah, feel like I can walk off the golf course -- it's one of those rare days you walk off and you feel like OK, yeah, pretty happy with the day's work.

Q. Finally, past success here. Where do you lean on those memories and moments heading into the final round?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, just knowing obviously that it's doable. I feel like I'm comfortable on this golf course. I feel like today was a good wet one, wet run -- I was going to say dry run, but I think the wind is going to be very similar direction tomorrow, similar strength. So I feel like today will give us all a good idea of how the course is going to play. Obviously to win the golf tournament you've got to play an exceptional round. It's quite a stacked leaderboard.

Yes, come out and go for it.

Q. What is it specifically about this place you love, because whatever it is, you've got some magic here?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, this is not the longest golf course in the world so I think it suits me well. It's quite strategic, it's a good iron player's golf course. The greens are very small and when I'm playing well, some of those elements fit my game.