

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES

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JUSTIN ROSE (-18)

Q. You just mentioned you thought 21 was the number for the day?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, I had a feeling that was the number. I was a couple under through four, actually wrote five down on my scorecard. Even when I was 2 under, I was like I wanted down. I wanted to have that mindset of really moving forward today. I felt like that might be what was required. It was tricky at times but at the same time it was a very nice day today out there compared to yesterday. Similar wind, but the lack of rain made it so much nicer and more playable.

As we saw probably with all the guys come in, there was some birdies to be had down the back nine. For me the middle of the round called me out. Again, made a bogey at 10 which I fell very flat at that point, but then I realized there was still a lot to play for with how big these events are and how important they are to your season. So really exciting finish. Being able to make eagle on 18 and move my way up to a pretty high finish.

Q. What's it like having those times in the round and seeing Rory or others climb up?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, it was frustrating because I realized the guys hadn't really gone away at that point, I was still 16, 17 under, still right in the golf tournament. I kind of knew that if I had a super hot finish I could still potentially win. Obviously Rory did what he should do and he did everything right coming in. Obviously 21 was always stretch away from that pack. I felt like it was doable out there today, the putter didn't feel as good today unfortunately and you need that momentum with the putter. That didn't happen for me today and still, like I said, still hung in there and like I said, happy with the finish.

Q. You won two years ago, you had ace, Rory had ace here as well. What does that say about that trend here on this course?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, three-shot lead, hit iron off 18, laid it up, feels very similar. That's how you have to play that hole with a three-shot lead obviously. Some weeks you have a little extra bit of luck whether you need it and gets the momentum up and started for the week and obviously he's a good front return and yeah, it's a good win.

Q. What was the biggest challenge out there today?

JUSTIN ROSE: The putting, the greens were slow. I think they were a bit scared about the wind, I don't think the wind materialized maybe as much they could have. I think they backed off the greens a little too much, they got very pudding like, so that made it challenging to hole putts.

Q. You had to adjust to it?

JUSTIN ROSE: You had to adjust to it really, I think, exactly. You were happy to hit putts and sometimes for a pro, for a Tour pro, you want to just read it and stroke it where I feel like you had to make a bit of a conscious effort to get it to the hole.