

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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JUSTIN LEONARD (-12)



Q. Justin, difficult day to play but you're used to these type of conditions. Walk us through the round. How were you able to finish this out? How patient were you today?

JUSTIN LEONARD: Well, we kind of started thinking about today yesterday after the round. I didn't play great yesterday and went over to the range to hit some balls. We knew the forecast and really I was -- it's funny because I wasn't thinking about what I did wrong yesterday, I was totally thinking about today and started hitting some knockdowns and stuff like that, which I love to do but you don't have to do it all the time. So really, we knew the weather, it was favorable to be able to come back and I felt like it would open things up a little bit.

Stayed real patient today. Nice to make a putt at the first hole and then a great -- a nice bunker shot at 8. Played solid, kept it -- just tried to keep the ball below the hole. With the wind and everything, it took a lot of patience, and my knees are sore from bending over to pick all the debris up. You know, but just a fun day. I felt like I hit really good putts at 14 and 15 and neither of those went in I said if I just keep hitting putts like that, we'll be fine, and fortunately I hit a good putt at 16 and a great putt at 18.

Q. Need to stay patient on days like this. Walk us through the 18th hole. You hit a beautiful drive, a great second and a great putt.

JUSTIN LEONARD: Yeah. The drive, it wasn't my best but it was good enough and then we had a perfect 4-hybrid number. I knew I just had to take care of that front bunker and it was plenty of club to do that.

Ricardo, he made his eagle putt. It wasn't on the same line, but I got a real sense of the break there at the end of the hole and the speed of it so it kind of helped seeing his go in. Had it about a foot out and it was a little bit downhill so speed really wasn't an issue. Just nice to see that thing drop.

Q. You won earlier in year at the Chubb in Naples. Didn't play real good for a little while, but you made some adjustments kind of late in the year. How did those adjustments get you to this point and how satisfying a win is this for you?

JUSTIN LEONARD: Well, the first part, you know, yeah, I got in some -- you know, I got in a couple of habits that I really kind of was able to work my way out of it and it really started at The Open at Portrush, being able to spend a couple days with Mike Thomas there and get more on plane. I was a little shut and a little inside going back and that's just kind of been

the catalyst for all this.

I worked with Randy Smith three weeks ago. I changed putters and actually got it the day before and when I walked in Randy's office and I said, hey, I brought another putter for us to try out, boy, his ears perked up and he loved the fact that it was a mallet of course.

And then one little thing he just noticed with my lower body. A couple little injuries here in the last three, four months and probably got me into a little bit of a thing with my right knee, but doing that. And so it's this cool kind of odd balance of the two but it works, and they're making it work for me, which is great. So yeah, it's been real solid since then and you need solid on a day like today.