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TPC Southwind

Justin Rose

Round 2 Quick Quotes

Q. Sitting in good position. Obviously had to come back this morning and finish. Talk us through last night. Was it challenging to focus in when you're in really good position but a couple holes left?

JUSTIN ROSE: Listen, with two holes to play you always want to get done, I think especially when you know you're going to be probably one of the last groups. So finishing early, playing late, that's going to be the challenge for me now is just to go and do something productive for the next couple hours and get back into a nice, what I would say is a normal routine for a third round.

But yeah, delighted with the finish today. It's always awkward coming back out and playing a couple holes. It's dewy, it's wet. Conditions are different to how you've seen it all week from that point of view.

But 17 was key to hit the fairway; did that. Iron shot came out just perfect, went to three feet, bit of a bonus.

18 is always a tee shot that you're never obviously comfortable on. Second swing of the day really. But yeah, piped it there.

I couldn't have finished better today, and probably put myself in the final group, which will be fun, playing alongside Tommy and/or Collin. I don't know which way it works out.

Q. It looks like you and Tommy will be in the last group today.

JUSTIN ROSE: Will be cool, yeah.

Q. I think it was Thursday you mentioned you weren't feeling great coming into the week and that was your first time seeing the course. Are things starting to turn around for you?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, I stopped by via Alabama for the



weekend to see my coach, Mark Blackburn, and was feeling great. Just got here Monday evening and just started to feel a bit off. Tuesday I came out here, didn't do a lot of practice, wasn't feeling great. Yeah, Tuesday night, not good. Wednesday morning, kind of a fever, missed the pro-am.

But in some ways, I don't know if it dampens expectations or if you don't have any preconceived ideas of how your practice has gone, so you just kind of turn up and play the golf course as the game plan is.

Obviously the golf course is new this year but it's the same. The golf course -- the strategy hasn't really changed I wouldn't have said, so I knew how to play it.

Q. Obviously a lot is working. Is there anything over the next couple hours before you start the third round today you kind of want to tune up?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, I'd just like to get a little bit better at everything. I feel like I'm playing well for sure. I think everything could just feel a tiny bit smoother still.

That's obviously the goal into the weekend is just to try to incrementally feel like I can get a little bit more comfortable, a little bit more free with everything. But coming off a couple weeks off, I couldn't have asked for more and to be in a better spot.

But yeah, just use each day as an opportunity just to try to smooth everything out just a bit more.

Q. You're in the last group, 11:50 will be your tee time. Plans over the next four hours almost?

JUSTIN ROSE: Go and enjoy a nice coffee. I didn't think it would be this sweaty already. I actually thought, aww, I'll be fine with one shirt. Maybe head back to the hotel, get a second shirt. Maybe that's a nice mental refresh anyway just to sort of anchor the third round.

Second breakfast, second coffee, and then second warm-up.

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