

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: JEFF MAGGERT
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Q. One of these years.

JEFF MAGGERT: That's okay. It was a game of two putts today for me. I made a lot of two putts. Really, all week. The 10 and 15 just got me all week long. I just didn't make very many of those. When I was fortunate enough to hit it close I made, you know, the 3- and 4- and 5footers for birdie but, you know, Jesper played good. I mean, I thought he struggled a little bit yesterday coming in down the stretch, but he he really hit the ball well all day. He never, you know, kind of let go. He putted well, too, you know, he made the ones he needed to, hit the ball close a lot, had a little five footers for birdie, four footers. You know, on the other hand, I had a lot of 10, 15, 18footers, so that was the difference.

Q. You got off to a great start. You put the pressure on him.

JEFF MAGGERT: The first hole was playing easy, straight downwind. It was an easy birdie, good start. And then I hit one close on two, and I had a good drive and just had a little 75yard wedge in there and hit it about three feet there, and then after that, you know, I was hitting it good, but just didn't make any of the 10, really the 15footers, you know, and I just felt like the whole day, just a couple of those here and there, I put a little pressure on him, you know. He had a good, good start to the back nine there, and I had a great shot on 13. I was caught in an old divot there on the fair way and I was a little unsure of the lie but I just smoked a hybrid right at the flag and, you know, had a nice little chance there, about a 12footer to make eagle, and I didn't make that one.

Q. So you had a 12 footer to make an eagle?

JEFF MAGGERT: And those are the ones, you make a few of those, and all of a sudden a three shot lead is a oneshot lead and it's a little different ballgame.

Q. What about 16?

JEFF MAGGERT: 16, just not a very good lie on the bunker there. I knew the ball was going to roll past the hole, but, you know, at that point I'm four shots behind and I'm really thinking making birdie there, and and on 16 I was in the bunker. So I had it was a 10footer for par, 8footer for par. And then 17 I hit it close. A 4shot lead is not safe on this course because of the finish, so my mindset was a birdiebirdie finish, see what happens. But I hit it tight up, had a really good shot on 17. Same problem, 15footer, just slipping off the edge. But, you know, the grain in the greens, I think I was focusing a little too much on this week. Maybe overreading that a little bit instead of just trusting what I'm doing. Sometimes when you start to miss a few you kind of overanalyze and I'm probably guilty of that a little bit.

Q. Do you put pressure on yourself here?

JEFF MAGGERT: Every week. I wouldn't say it is any different. I would say it's easier to play well here just because I'm a lot more comfortable, but it's the same focus, you know, trying to play well and trying to win. It's a good week. This was the best, really, I played all year. I had a couple up and down tournaments this year, but, you know, finishing in the top 10, but not really up near the lead.

Q. And with all the injury problems, Jesper had not won anywhere in 15 years, so you have to kind of feel good about that, right, for him?

JEFF MAGGERT: I thought when I saw him yesterday, the way he was hitting the ball, I thought he's kind of got his game back a little bit. I know he struggled over the last few years, so good for him. He's a battler. He never gave up on the regular Tour. He went back to the tour school a couple of times, trying to get his card that way. So it's good to see him come out and play well.

Q. It's always a pleasure.

JEFF MAGGERT: Thank you.