ROUND 1 INTERVIEW November 7, 2019

JEFF MAGGERT (-8)



Q. So you have a three-shot lead. What came together for you today?

JEFF MAGGERT: I have no idea what happened today. I liked the course last year, felt like I could play well here. To be honest, I got a new putter at the Ping factory on Monday and as soon as I saw it, I says, wow, this looks good, I think I can make some putts with this. Lo and behold, I made a lot of good putts today.

Q. I assume it feels good to be in the position you are at the end of the season. Hopefully, we end on a high note here.

JEFF MAGGERT: Yeah. To be honest, I haven't played that great for a couple of years, so I'm kind of looking forward to having a chance really just on Sunday to be close to the lead. I don't think I've been there in a while, so I'm looking forward to that. But it's a long way, Sunday's a long way. Four-day tournament. I'm hitting the ball well and putting the ball well, so keep doing what I'm doing.

Q. So knowing we have three days left, are you going to play a little bit more aggressively or will you try and be more conservative to maybe keep the lead?

JEFF MAGGERT: I play pretty aggressive off the tee shots, but the greens are firm here and you have to be careful with some of the iron shots. They sneak the pins close to some of the bunkers, so you've got to pay attention to that. But the greens are fantastic. It's probably, I would say, Augusta National-style greens. They're really, really good. They're putting fast and they're firm, that's kind of the way we like it.

Q. Are you healthy right now?

JEFF MAGGERT: I hope so.

Q. Any injuries or anything like that?

JEFF MAGGERT: Knock on wood. No, other than too much weight in my belly.

Q. With the leader, Jeff Maggert. Quite a round. A month, month and a half ago, Jeff, where were you in terms of your outlook on this game?

JEFF MAGGERT: I was ready to drive my clubs over with my car in the driveway, just not having a lot of fun. You know, this will be my 35th year as a pro and traveling all the time, it kind of wears you down. But it's a great game, I've had a great career. I'm looking forward

to playing out here another 10 years probably, so I'm just joking with you about running my clubs over.

Q. Who gave you a kick in the rear end?

JEFF MAGGERT: Probably myself. I've been kicking myself pretty hard the last few months. This is the last tournament of the year, I feel like I can come out and still play pretty well. I was teasing my wife, this is the first tournament she's been to since Hawaii, so she's had the whole year off. She came out of retirement and watched me today, so I'll give all the credit to her. My good luck charm today.