# ROUND 3 INTERVIEW September 22, 2019

## **ROCCO MEDIATE (-9)**



## Q. What a great final round, holy cow.

**ROCCO MEDIATE:** Yeah. When I added them up, I went, holy crap, 64, that was cool. Yeah, you know, I don't know. It was just one of those days everything kind of went really good. When I was bad, I got it up and down. When I was good, I made putts. You have to do this crazy stuff. Putted my you-know-what off today, but I hit a lot of good shots, too. I hit a lot of greens, kept my head together and here we are the last couple holes.

#### Q. You finished birdie-birdie.

**ROCCO MEDIATE:** Yeah, I made two really good putts. I three-putted the last green last week at -- I say Buick, but Ally. I keep saying Buick Open because that's where we were. My buddy, Brian Julian, was with me and he's from Greensboro. We played golf together for 30, 40 years. He texted me that night and he goes, hey. I three-putted from like 40 feet, but I missed my -- it was a sliced putt and I missed my line to the right, three-putted. That didn't really -- but still you're mad because you played a good round. He called and he goes, "Looks like you're holding onto it. Let it go a little bit in the left-to-righters."

What did I have on 17 and 18 today? Slice putts. So I made some good ones this week but nothing -- obviously they're all big, but those last two were slice putts and I had -- I hit my lines. Whether I read them or not is a different story. Obviously I read them right fortunately, but I hit my lines. That's how weird stuff is. If he doesn't say that, I may not make those two, I don't know, I don't know. So it's interesting how things happen.

## Q. You're outgoing guy. How did you enjoy the crowd interaction?

**ROCCO MEDIATE:** It was good. I like talking or I like being talked to or I like talking to people out here. They were great, really good crowds here, exceptional crowds. Even last year with the bad weather they were still out here. So this place loves it and obviously we'll be here a while. It's good stuff.

#### Q. It's tough to win out on the Champions Tour. How does it feel to get back in --

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, it's hard to win, yeah, you're right. It's just even when I posted and I knew Kenny had three, I thought I would lose outright. And when he hit it close on 16, I figured he's going to sneak one in. I didn't watch it, but obviously he missed the fairway right, game was over as far as birdie more than likely. It's just a hard finish even though 17 was sitting right in front of you. So that was surprising, but it's hard. I mean, days like today and conditions like this, that can happen because it's hard. Like I said, everything that you

could do today, I did came off.

## Q. What's it take to stick with it knowing how hard it is to win, and it's been so long?

**ROCCO MEDIATE:** Yeah, it's been a long time, but the last four or five weeks it's been getting better. I'm fitting into my body, I'm used to that. All the other stuff that I fixed, equipment stuff, I'm starting to see what I used to see and today I saw -- you know, this whole week was pretty solid, pretty solid.

## Q. Lastly, why don't you take us through your hats?

**ROCCO MEDIATE:** Francesca, that's my daughter, she did this for me. We have a white one, too. The rose, the G4 shoes, I was looking in the catalog and I saw the rose shoes and I went, "Francesca Rose, I've got to get shoes for her." And see, I don't care if people don't like them, I'm wearing them anyway, so yeah.

But the hat, so the white hat I wore yesterday she painted and this one she did -- I think we did, we put stickers on it. I love it. She's 4, so it will be fun because she'll watch it later and she'll see that.