## ROUND 3 INTERVIEW October 31, 2020



## MATT JONES (-8)

Q. Well, Matt, talk to me about how much different this golf course played today with the wind in the opposite direction, yet there's still a lot of wind out there?

**MATT JONES:** There is a lot of wind. Not quite as much as yesterday, but we had a lot of different clubs today than yesterday. I think it's a very different golf course. It's still playable, and the rules officials have done a great job of setting up the golf course. So if you can control your golf ball, you can still shoot a number.

Q. You shot a great number today with 66 and bogey free. Are you more proud of all those birdies you made today or not making a bogey?

**MATT JONES:** I'll definitely take not making a bogey. I had a few good par saves out there, which was important because it was hard to get distance control right. I had a few 10-footers for par that I made. I'd always much prefer to make a par to keep a round going, that always seems to be a good thing for me.

Q. Well, you put yourself in great position for tomorrow's final round. How much will you pay attention to the forecast conditions for tomorrow's final round? How much will that help in your preparation?

**MATT JONES:** If it blows, I'll be happy, I'm used to the wind, I grew up in the wind in Australia. I'll get out here and see what it is and then it's just managing the golf course, managing -- it's all about managing misses I find out here, leaving it in the right spots so you can have a chance to save par.

Q. And final thing, how much energy do you feel like -- is it energizing? You have a shot to win tomorrow on the PGA TOUR again?

**MATT JONES:** Well, we'll see. That's a long way off. There's plenty of holes left, a lot can happen until then. And it's actually, it's nice to have fans out here cheering occasionally. It's very nice and it's going to get bigger next week when we have more fans. It's great.

Q. Can you just elaborate on mentioning a couple 10-footers that you made for par? Is there specific holes that you did that on today that you really felt like it's going to keep the momentum going?

**MATT JONES:** Definitely on 8. It's a tough pin to get back to straight downwind and it came up -- I probably had a 40-footer and I left it 10 feet short and it was a good putt. At that point I was 3 under and I knew that was to keep my round going, which was great. And then it

happened again on 16, another long putt, left it 10 feet short and made a slider. I think there was another one somewhere. But they're important. If you win a golf tournament, you have to make those putts. You just see it week in and week out.

Q. Just elaborating on the fans being back, there's a small number here and, like you said, there's going to be more next week. How much have you missed that?

**MATT JONES:** It's fantastic. I mean, it seems like there's more out here than it seems. It seems like there's more than the number says, which was great, and I hope we can get more and more. I know the players miss the fans and they love playing in front of the fans, so hopefully we can get back to that soon.