

Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial
Colonial Country Club
Ft. Worth, Tx

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Pre-round Interviews

AN INTERVIEW WITH JIM FURYK

Q. (Inaudible)?

JIM FURYK: Most of it suits me well, the bunkers look great, the reshaping. There is some bunkers out there. I think they did a great job with the rebunkering. The course looks good. You're always nervous. It a great golf course.

As a player you are always nervous when they redo them because it seems like more often than not they tend to go the other way. They tend to make them tougher but not better, does that make sense? I like what they did. It looks pretty natural. It looks like it's been there a long time. Some of the holes have changed significantly, but I think most of them are very, very good changes. I don't think any out there is negative.

Q. Is there anything out there that stands out?

JIM FURYK: I think 3 is a pretty. That fairway has been moved to the right quite a bit, that hole. That's a pretty drastic change I would say. 7 is quite a bit different. It's still a straight hole. Obviously the bunker up the right. They reshaped the front of the green so it actually slopes the opposite way. 11 is a giant change. They added a whole bunch of yardage onto that hole. I think 13 green turned out beautiful. They did a great job on the 13th hole. 14 is a pretty big change in rerouting that fairway. I wouldn't call those subtle. I would call the rest of the holes subtle. You go to 16, you don't feel like they did any work. You don't notice it. The bunkers are deeper. There is lots of subtle changes, but there are some that are significant. I wouldn't call it drastic but significant.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JIM FURYK: The judge of that won't be the first tee, I think it will be the next five or six years taken into account. Right now on the golf course it's soft from the

rain last night and the greens have been real soft and I am guessing it doesn't seem like they have a root structure. My guess is they have to keep them relatively soft for the week which will drive scores lower. Holes like 3 and 14 play significantly harder. I think they added to the beauty. I think it's a better golf course now than it was before. To me whether it's harder or not, any idiot can make a golf course harder. Making it better is what's difficult. I think they did a good job with that here.

Q. How did it take the rain last night? Do you think it's going to be firm by the weekend?

JIM FURYK: Let's see what the breeze does, I will get a better judge of that tomorrow and see how much it improved the firmness in one day and I will get an idea. I think it could be. My biggest thing as to what's going to really differentiate the scores, depending on how firm or fast the fairways are. That will help a little bit. How firm and fast the greens get. Right now the greens are quite slow. They are significantly slower than I ever remember them right now and they're soft. Obviously, that will change in future events. But right now I don't know, the superintendent will have a better idea if that's the way it will be the rest of the week. They look nice, roll nice. When you go to pick the ball mark, it's not real tight. It kind of blows up on you a little bit. Even when you go to 6 it kind of all caves in. I'm not sure they have the root structure I'm fine, I'm not qualified to answer that question.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JIM FURYK: They are rolling nice. They are rolling nice. They are quite a bit slower and soft.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JIM FURYK: Yes, I do like the course. I like Fort Worth. It's one of my family's favorite places to come to. It's one of my favorite courses, so I feel comfortable here. I grew up on an old traditional course. You have to work hard to hit different shots. It suits my game when I am playing well. I've enjoyed coming. You still have to be playing well. Last year I missed the cut, I wasn't playing real well.

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Q. How is the game coming into this week?

JIM FURYK: My game has been great. I'm playing lousy right now, to be dead honest. I have had a terrible few days of practice. I had a lot of rain last week at home. We had 18 inches of week last week at Ponte Vedra. I didn't get a chance to prepare like I would have wanted to because the weather was so bad. I had some family stuff. Some birthday parties, stuff with my kids that I had to stick around in town, or I would have got out of there last week. So I'm rusty. I'm a little disappointed in my ball striking right now.

Q. Have you worked on anything this afternoon?

JIM FURYK: Yes, I worked on -- The TOUR scheduled a perfect 3 o'clock meeting right in the middle of scheduled practice time that I'm going to be late for.

Q. Was ball striking, is that something, if you have a good session this afternoon, it comes right back?

JIM FURYK: It probably will be a slow progression as far as I'm not trying to go from actually not very good right now to perfect. I'm trying to, if I hit a little better tomorrow, hit it a little better on Friday and Saturday, it will give me some confidence. I can have a good tournament. The idea is to take one step at a time and build up some confidence.

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