

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: JOE DURANT
Saturday, August 30, 2014



Q. How did it go today?

JOE DURANT: It was great. We had about a two-hole stretch where it was rough, had some hail on the 11th green.

Q. That's overrated.

JOE DURANT: That's right, yeah. This is such a wonderful event. The course is in great shape, fantastic galleries. It will be fun tomorrow, looking forward to playing.

Q. When you make the switch from the PGA TOUR to this, we've asked a bunch of guys, Bob Tway was saying everybody who comes on the tour he thinks underestimates the quality of the play that's out here. You've done this recently, what's your take?

JOE DURANT: I totally agree with Bob. To win on this Tour is very difficult, especially in the three-day events you've got to shoot three really good rounds of golf. You can't afford to get off to a slow start. The guys that are doing well out here, Bernhard and Jay Haas, they're playing great golf. It's not easy at all to win out here, but looking forward to trying to do it tomorrow.

Q. More of the same tomorrow, you're going to have to get away to a good start and make some birdies to have a chance.

JOE DURANT: Yeah, fortunately I've done that this week, got off to good start. I've birdied the first hole both days and I've been 3- or 4-under after four or five holes. If I can do that tomorrow, just keep plugging, try to shoot a low one tomorrow.

Q. Interesting day, leaders from the first round kind of stayed where they were and allowed a whole bunch of other guys to get back into the race.

JOE DURANT: Yeah, and that shows you how difficult it is. If you don't keep the pedal down, you shoot 1-under, 2-under, you're going to get run over and that's kind of what happened today. Anybody can shoot a low one. There were a lot of low rounds out there today. What did Bob shoot, 7-under today? Someone will do it tomorrow.

Q. And there's so many guys within three or four shots. How do you approach that? Do you say you have to shoot 64, 65 to win?

JOE DURANT: Yeah, you pretty much know you have to shoot a low number, but it's fun. The course lends itself to shooting good numbers. The greens are perfect. If you drive it well, you have some mid to short irons so you can attack. And they're relatively soft, so if you drive it good, you can shoot a low number on this golf course but you've got to do that first.

Q. I know this isn't a three horse race but what's it like, three guys walk to the first tee all sharing the lead, being able to kind of watch each other out there and see what everybody one's doing?

JOE DURANT: Yeah, I know there's three of us tied, but by the time we get on the first hole there might be guys who have already passed us. That's how bunched it is. It will be quite a shootout tomorrow, and if the weather's good there will be a lot of birdies flying.

Q. Is that enjoyable? You smile when you say that. Are you looking forward to that already?

JOE DURANT: Oh, yeah, that's why you practice and work hard, you want to put yourself in that position and just enjoy it, just enjoy the chance to win because you don't get them that often so it will be fun.