

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (- 12)

Q. You're trending in the right direction. How's it feel to be on a roll kind of like this?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Good. Definitely happy to be -- happy to keep the roll alive.

Q. What contributes to that? What are you doing well?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'm just comfortable. I mean, everything's kind of coming easy. Today was kind of one of those weird days where all the breaks, I had some squirrely tee shots and had a couple weird drops, but they all kind of went my way. So kind of fortunate to have it that way, go my way and kind of clean it up for the next two.

Q. Is it hard to get comfortable on a new course like this you haven't played before?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yes and no. When I say comfortable, I just mean kind of with myself and being out here and amongst my peers.

Q. Does this course seem to fit your game so far?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: You know, I thought it didn't, but I guess I'm hitting it in most of the fairways and I figure the greens would be kind of tough for me since they're a little slow. I mean tough for everyone out here, but kind of managed to find some way to get it in the hole.

Q. What's clicking in your game right now, what's your go-to?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Everything's kind of right where it needs to be, I would say. I'm not doing anything stupid. When I have been out of position, I've managed to -- it's easy to get greedy since you're out of position, you kind of have a wedge in your hand and you can kind of force it at the pin even though there's water around. So I've been kind of playing a little boring golf, which has been working out.

Q. Playing in the final group going into the weekend. How's that feel?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it's new so I'm excited. Something I've been looking forward to doing and happy I can do it here.

Q. (No microphone.)

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, of course, everyone expects coming into the week that

they're doing well. Obviously I came off a win back in Atlanta and my expectations for myself have risen a little bit.

Q. And once the rain delay stopped, how were you finding the greens? Were you able to adjust quickly?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Made some mistakes, I think everyone did. They were kind of slow for our standard to start, and then with a little bit of rain they're even a little bit more slower. But it did make it a little easier with irons coming in, they weren't as firm as they were before the rain.

Q. So it didn't really change much of the strategy. Was it easier to get the ball on the green?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I think so, yeah. I mean they were a little bit softer so you can -- wedges were stopping anyways, but 8, 7, kind of 6-iron were holding a little bit better than before.

Q. So being a stroke behind tomorrow, did it change anything, are you playing something different?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: No, it's such a new position for me. I've been near the lead kind of going in, but I don't think I've ever been in the final group on the Tour. I don't think I have, so I'm excited for the opportunity.

Q. Will you draw on that experience of winning the TOUR Championship this weekend, it will be so fresh in your mind still?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I played in one of the last groups at the TOUR Championship, so that's kind of the only experience I can pull from, to be completely honest.

Q. Tell us about that eagle on 3.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it was funny, that was right before the delay. Hit it up there, kind of came out and we were all just talking, hanging around. They blew the horn and I made the putt. So that was kind of a nice way to start my new day.

Q. How long was that putt?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I think it was like 27 feet, probably longest putt I've made this week.

Q. Was it a boring game? I had to ask, I saw your transcript from yesterday.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Boring is good. Today was a little more exciting. I hit it a little bit

offline. When I say boring, I mean it in the best way, shape and form. Boring is probably the wrong word to use, but when a golfer says boring, boring means fairways, greens, you're making putts. You don't want to be too exciting out here.

Q. Playing in the rain, how often have you like played in the rain?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: No, I'm from San Diego, so it rains about 30 days of 365 days, so whenever it does rain at home I try and go play. It wasn't much rain, it was more of a drizzle all day.

Q. So what are going to do, what are the main things you have to be wary of?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, just keep your clubs dry, keep your hands dry. It's so hot, so usually when it rains it's cold but the rain kind of feels good, to be honest.