

JOHN DALY

Q. John, where can we get a Grip It and Rip It?

JOHN DALY: C'mon, you want Grip It and Rip It, go to RockBottom.com, you can get all the Grip It and Rip It you want. Grip it, ship it and go to JohnDaly/find and all my Grip It and Rip It stuff is there, too.

Q. What did you know and hear about this tournament before you came here, what was the buzz out on the Tour last year about this stop?

JOHN DALY: All the players said what a great golf course this is. It's an old-style course that we don't get to play a lot anymore, so it's really cool.

I haven't played it yet, I'm looking forward to it. But it's an old-style course that we like. Us old guys, we like that old-style stuff where it's just risk-reward with the driver, and if you hit it straight here, they said you can shoot some low numbers.

Q. Are you I don't want to say amazed, but does the fan reaction after all these years still humble you a little bit or just pump you up? What is it like when fans just come up after everything that everybody's gone through and they're still behind you 100 percent?

JOHN DALY: Humble in both ways. The adrenaline gets you going, you want to play good for the fans, and the louder they get, the better I'm playing. So to me it's a humbling thing more than anything. But just like Arnold Palmer always told me, if it ever ends, your career's over. So it's more or less humbling and it's very nice having people on your side when you're playing golf and rooting you on when you're playing.

Q. How is your game coming into this week?

JOHN DALY: You never know with me, man. It could be great, it can be really crappy, I don't know. I've been driving the ball really well this year. That new Vertical driver, I'm very pleased with it. I've always believed in a smaller head. I think you can hit it straight, get more clubhead speed. So we're doing well with Vertical Groove, that's one of the key things. And my iron play's been pretty decent. My putting still isn't where I want it, but I'm hitting it decent enough to be able to score a little bit better than I have.

Q. Having never played here before, how do you approach this round here? I know it's a pro-am obviously, but it will be your first time out.

JOHN DALY: Just play aggressive and I can fall back if I need to tomorrow. But play it as aggressive as I can and see how it goes, get to know it.

Q. What are your hopes for the Playoffs over these next three events?

JOHN DALY: Man, I'm just out here to play and enjoy and be competitive. I haven't set any goals out here. I just like to compete. If you get a chance to win, you hope you do. If not, work on the things that aren't going your way and try and improve each day. Even us old guys, we've got to improve every day.

So there's no goals. I think that's why I'm just kind of freed up, just kind of just doing my own thing playing. If I play good, I play good. If I play bad, I play bad. It doesn't really matter that much right now, but I want to play good.

Q. It seems you've really embraced the senior old-guy aspect, you've mentioned it a few times. When did that happen for you where you stopped saying, no, wait, I'm young, I can do this, to screw it, I'm old?

JOHN DALY: Well, I am getting old, there's no doubt about it. But I enjoyed playing Napa and making the cut there. And looking at the young kids, how far they're hitting it and everything, I enjoyed it. But it's fun to beat the two kids I played with Thursday and Saturday. They were hitting it 30 and 40 by me, but Jamie Sadlowski was hitting it about 60 by me. But it was nice to see that, to see some of the young kids and the talent they have.

But I feel like I can still compete, I feel like I can still play the PGA and the British. If I wanted to play the Masters and U.S. Open again, but if I did, I feel like I can still compete a little bit because I'm hitting the driver, still hitting it decent enough, long enough to play. But those kids, their short game, their putting is just phenomenal out there. If I could putt a little better, it would be a lot more fun.

Q. John, I'm introducing you on the first tee box. Never done it before. Do you have any advice for me on how to do it properly?

JOHN DALY: Just say "The fat boy from Dardanelle, Arkansas," there you go.