

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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BUBBA WATSON (-4)



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Q. How much of the memories of doing well here before come back to you when you do come back here?

BUBBA WATSON: Oh, I think anybody that's won at a place or anybody that's played well at a place, they love it, that's why they put it on the schedule. This golf course is a blast. The history from the golf course, history from the membership, everything about it, how would you not like this area? And the weather's proven that this area's pretty good.

So no, I love it. You get energized. The history around this place, the history around a lot of the golf courses we play, we just get energized and become a kid again. So this is one of those places I really love coming here and I sign up as soon as I can.

Q. Can you discuss maybe how you're managing this week schedule-wise, especially because of the celebrity All-Star Game?

BUBBA WATSON: Yeah, I did a lot of stuff already. I may or may not have taped a Jay Leno Garage show, went and saw I consider a friend of mine, Ellen, and then went over and watched a taping of Big Bang. So there's some other things we're doing besides the All-Star Game that nobody knows about, but it's been a blast. When you come here, it's Hollywood. I mean, do stuff, you know? Let's have some fun and enjoy life, so it's been good.

Q. What are your goals at the Celebrity All-Star Game?

BUBBA WATSON: To show up. Hoping my car doesn't break down so we get there, so I can say I played or sat the bench. I don't care. It's just the atmosphere, the atmosphere of being here. Saying I sat on the bench at Staples Center seeing some of the greats, some of the people that I love and have friendships with, it will be fun, it will be a blast. Now that I know that Justin Bieber's on the other team, it will be fun. I'll hug him at first, and then I'll punch him during the game.

Q. When the season started, where was your game and what was your (inaudible) about your game and what's happened since?

BUBBA WATSON: When the season started, I love it, I love where I'm at. I love everything. I'm a golfer, so not enough putts go in, that's just how golf is. Bounces never go my way, things like that. That's what we -- all golfers think. Physically, I love where I'm at. Mentally, I love where I'm at because I'm getting stronger, getting the weight back that I wanted to get back. My son's reading and writing now, so life's in a good spot and golf just happens to fall in a good spot, too.

Q. You really got it going at one stretch, I think you had five birdies in six holes. Did anything just click at that time, or did you just happen to --

BUBBA WATSON: It was just a good stretch of holes. I hit a good tee shot on, gosh, what hole was that, 16. Hit a shot in there about eight feet or so. Birdied it yesterday, made the putt today. 18 I birdied yesterday, birdied it today. And No. 1, you feel like you mess up, you don't make a 4, and somehow I made another seven-footer for a birdie. Then made a nice recovery out of the rough there on 2, which was my 11th hole, made about a 12-, 15-footer. So it's just making the putts at the right time. Then I missed a short one that I felt would go one way and it decided to go the other way. That's golf, you know.

Q. There seem to be a lot of birdies out there, but how --

BUBBA WATSON: Not enough by me. I need some more.

Q. How hard is it to get through a round without a bogey or worse?

BUBBA WATSON: Well, around here it's very difficult. You know, there was a great champion that went bogey free on the weekend one time. But no, it's a tough one because of the greens, because of this grass. We know late in the day you're going to get some bounces that you don't agree with, so it's very difficult. You'll hit a chip shot or an iron shot that you think is great, hits a little bounce and goes opposite or whatever, or your putt does that. So it's very difficult and you're going to make a mistake. It might not be a mistake by you, it might be the ball bounces the other way. So you've got to just keep fighting and hopefully you make more birdies than bogeys.

Q. What's your ideal weight? You made a reference to the weight before, so did you lose too much?

BUBBA WATSON: Well, I was sick, so I know you don't read other people's articles, but I was sick or -- or listen to me, I guess. So I was sick, I went down to give or take 165, maybe lower than that. So trying to get back up and we're gaining on it, and that's why I'm playing more golf right now. I was scheduled not to, but I added a bunch of tournaments because I feel fine, I feel energized, and I'm excited about where we're heading and where we're trending.

Q. High school basketball, what position --

BUBBA WATSON: Whatever position coach told me to play I was playing. High school basketball, you don't care, you just get in there.

Q. What did you normally play?

BUBBA WATSON: I wasn't very good at dribbling so I definitely didn't dribble it up. I'm not

like LeBron, can't play underneath and dribble it up and all that. I just played outside, played on the wing, tried to shoot 3-pointers. I can shoot, I have a little bit of touch. So it worked out when I was in high school. When I say "worked out," I made one out of 20.

Q. Did your wife give you any advice this week?

BUBBA WATSON: Yeah. "Don't get hurt." She said, "If you go in the paint, you're in trouble." So that's my advice from her. Again, I'm in the car, I just want the car to show up and I want security to let me in, that's all I care about. Everybody's been asking how many shots are you going to take, this and that. There's other people on the team, you know? I mean, listen, I love passing the ball. As you know, I was a Ryder Cup assistant captain, that's what I enjoyed, so I'm not afraid to give an assist. I'm scared of shooting. I'll just pass it real fast.