

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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DUSTIN JOHNSON (-10)



Q. Dustin, how would you assess the week as a whole?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: It was okay. Definitely better the last two rounds. I felt like even the first two rounds I played okay, but I struggled on the greens a little bit. Switched putters, put a Spider Mini and started rolling it a little bit better. I felt like I was working really hard on the putting and it just wasn't getting any better, so I switched putters and it worked a little bit. Who knows.

Q. You seemed to kind of go back and forth this year with a few different putters. Is that kind of just the kind of -- find something that you like to see a little different?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I putted pretty much with the same putter all year. I had a Spider with a line and then one without. Same putter, though. Everything was the same except the line on it was different. But yeah, this one's got a different face and it's the Mini. I putted with, I guess, the Mini at THE PLAYERS for a little bit, which I liked. Yeah, it seems to work. It's rolling down the line. I hit a lot of good putts today. I hit a lot that didn't go in the hole, so I'm pleased with it.

Q. Dustin, your first 10 holes today? And also, assuming you've seen Phil's video and what do you think of it and have the guys been teasing him?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, the first 10 holes were pretty good today. Anytime you can birdie seven out of the first 10, you know you're doing something pretty well. I just gave myself a lot of chances, and close chances, too. It wasn't like I was making bombs, I was making eight, 10-footers. So I hit it really well, even gave myself a lot of chances on the back nine.

Then as far as Phil's video, it was -- it's a video and it's funny.

Q. Last time playing Firestone, just what's your final impressions of this course?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I like the golf course, I think it's great. Obviously it's been here for a long time and it's one of our favorite stops, especially the course is fantastic. But going to Memphis, it's really good. FedEx has done a lot for this tour and so they deserve to have a big tournament and I'm happy for them. Who knows, maybe we'll be back here for something else.

Q. Here with Dustin Johnson. You started off hot today coming out with four straight birdies, you had seven out there in your first 10 holes. So did you know going into it

that you were going to go low that quickly?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, you never know that. But yeah, I played well yesterday. I knew I was swinging the club good, I had a good warmup session this morning on the range. Yeah, I just got off to a really good start, played a great front nine and birdied 10 to get 7 under through 10.

The back nine's a little more challenging, but I still gave myself a lot of opportunities on the back nine, I hit great putts that just were burning the edges. I'm pleased with the round, I felt like it was really solid and gives me a lot of confidence going into next week.

Q. Were you looking at the leaderboard out there at all? Did you have any goals changing as you were making more birdies?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I was trying to make as many as I could. I felt like especially 7 under through 10, I felt like if I could get three or four more, I might have a chance, but it didn't happen.

Q. But that sets you up for maybe a possible strong finish here to this season obviously coming off of a win last week. So you feel pretty good?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Absolutely. I've got a lot of confidence in the game and I'm really looking forward to next week.