

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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D.A. POINTS (-12)

Q. One of the cool stories of the week so far, D.A. Points, we've talked a lot about you missed 15 of the last 16 cuts, now you're in position to get your fourth PGA TOUR title. After 36 holes, what's been the key to this turnaround?

D.A. POINTS: You know what, I've been hitting it very nicely. I put in a new set of irons a couple weeks ago and they've just been the easiest thing in the world to hit. They're new Ping irons and really everything's been really comfortable. Like I haven't been looking at my swing on video. Basically, I know this is possibly my last event of the year, so I haven't been grinding really hard. It seems to be paying off.

Q. 12th year on Tour and we talk about those wins that you have. It seems like the guys that we've talked to who have been in this position time after time seem a little bit more comfortable not thinking about the number. How have you been able to sort of keep the pressure off and stroll around the way you have?

D.A. POINTS: Because fortunately, with my win last year at Puerto Rico, I know I still have my job for next year. I mean, I'm 213th or whatever I was coming into this week on the FedExCup, so I'm not really scaring anybody when it comes to that, so I have nothing to lose. Like literally, I have nothing to lose. I can just go and play and if I win, wow, what a super blessing, but if I don't, it will just be a nice way to finish off a tough year and start working on things towards next year.

Q. Speaking of a tough year, and I'm glad to hear that you're not having any pain but you are having some nerve issues. You said yesterday you may have a decision to make with your health in the offseason. Tell us more about that.

D.A. POINTS: Yeah, so I have some herniated disks at C5-6 and C6-7 and my thumb, index finger and middle finger go numb 10 or 15 times a day. I've been, you know, talking with lots of doctors trying to make a game plan, talking with my wife and family. You know, with this exemption that I have, I just want to make a good decision to move forward in the future.

Q. D.A., 31 of 36 greens I think through two days, that will get it done around here.

D.A. POINTS: Yeah, it helps. The rough is deep, so I've been keeping it in front of me for the most part. I had a couple wayward tee shots starting out my round. But yeah, you know, hitting it on the green, and the greens are so good, they roll so nice, they're a really nice speed. I left a few out on the back nine, but really, I've been holing nice putts, too.

Q. You were barking at that ball after you hit that tee ball on 18. You could see the adrenaline pumping through your veins, it's been fun to watch today.

D.A. POINTS: Well, thanks. You know, that's a tough tee shot for me. Wind in off the left, blind tee shot, the fairway is crowned, and I made a really good, aggressive swing and I just absolutely striped it. For me, I've got to find some way to build myself up. Myself esteem and confidence has been taking a beating for most of this year, so doing stuff like that reminds me that, hey, I can do this.

Q. And no matter what happens this weekend, I imagine tomorrow it's just tee it, nothing to lose, have some fun? It's great to see you smile.

D.A. POINTS: Yeah, it's more of the same, right? I'm not going to try to do anything different. My caddie said, "Hey, are we going to go practice?" I'm like, "No, we're good." I'm going to eat Chipotle and go home and get some rest.

Q. D.A., how's it been out there for you for 36 holes?

D.A. POINTS: It's been a nice walk. Starting out today, I think today -- I mean, obviously if things keep progressing, Sunday could be a tough round, but I think today might have been a big hurdle because anybody can kind of have one good day and they go out and play good. To back it up with another six birdies, no bogeys and really about as high as I could have shot today. That back nine, I had some really good looks that I missed and it was just -- it was nice to start off a little shaky and settle down and then put it on cruise and play good the rest of the way.

Q. What's been your part of the game that's been working this week that hasn't really been there this season?

D.A. POINTS: Well, my iron game has been really solid. Ball distance control and hitting it on the green. I've been struggling, you know, on a lot of parts of my game, but ball-striking, which is perennially one of my better things, has left me a little this year. I put some new irons in a couple weeks ago at the -- I guess maybe the Barbasol, right around there. Gosh, I've just been hitting them really nice. Good control, they go a little bit further, and to be honest, it's just been real, real fun.

Q. It's been a difficult season for you. What's it been like trying to grind through all that?

D.A. POINTS: It's been difficult. It's been hard on my family and I. You know, I was in this position a couple years ago and I clawed my way back and won Puerto Rico and I thought, finally. I had that big downturn and I clawed my way out of it just to find myself way back down in another deep hole again. So hopefully this is my way of starting to claw back out of it.