



JASON DAY

DOUG MILNE: We will go ahead and get started. Jason Day, thanks for joining us for a few minutes. You've had a chance to see at least part of the course. Just a few comments on TPC Twin Cities and how you kind of anticipate it setting up for your game this week.

JASON DAY: Yeah, I know that the guys, the older guys kind of tore this place up. I think Kenny won by a decent amount of strokes in the end. From what I hear, they've changed it a lot. Tom's done a lot of change for the Tour guys and I think it's -- even though we've had some rain Sunday, Monday, it's obviously very soft, but I still think -- I don't know if it's going to be as low as we think or as what people are suspecting it to get to.

But obviously that's granted on weather conditions we have over the next four, five days and if we get any more rain to soften up the golf course, because it is very soft out there. If it starts to dry out, it's going to start playing a little bit harder. Some of the tee shots on the front side there, you have to hit good tee shots. There's really no kind of bail-out area.

So it's going to be interesting, especially on that front side. And going to the back side, there's definite scoring opportunities. Looking at the greens, I think they're going to probably hold the pin locations pretty tight to the edges, I would suspect.

DOUG MILNE: Coming into the week you've got six top-10s under your belt this season, including the most recent tie for eighth in your most recent start at Travelers. How are you feeling with your game coming in?

JASON DAY: Game is kind of starting to make a turn. At the Travelers two weeks ago, I think I missed eight greens and I just didn't really have a good putting week, and that's kind of strange for me. Usually it's kind of the other way around.

So I've been working very hard on my overall game, but more so on my shots off the tee and especially into the green. So I think tidying it up, trying to tidy that up last week with my putting just in that off week I think helped a lot.

So I'm looking forward to coming out and playing this week. There are a few more drivers in hand this week and the rough is up. I'm looking forward to playing in front of the crowds here, I think they'll have a good turnout.

Q. Jason, what are your memories from Whistling Straits and just kind of the emotional scene on the 18th green?

JASON DAY: Yeah, man, it feels like it's a lifetime ago, to be honest.

I think obviously my first major and the course there, the way that I was playing that week, I was just kind of in auto drive. I was driving it very straight and long, hitting these tight little draws, and I was just -- anything that I looked at on the green was pretty much going in the hole.

I remember playing it in 2010 playing in the last group with Martin Kaymer, and what that showed me is that you really don't have to do a lot, especially on a Sunday going around, because he ultimately ended up going and winning in a playoff. I knew that being in the lead there, I really didn't have to do too much and then ultimately I played some tremendous golf that week and shot 20 under par.

A lot of good, fond memories of Whistling Straits, yeah, that's for sure.

Q. Jason, two questions for you. One, did you consult any of the senior guys about this course, and two, how's your prep change?

JASON DAY: No, I haven't talked to any of the older guys, but my prep hasn't really changed too much. I live in Ohio and the grass is very, very similar to what we have here. So it's more so what I did really good at Travelers trying to stay on top of that and trying to improve my putting and my chipping. I think if I got those back to where they need to be, I'm going to play well this week, I honestly believe that.

Granted, at Travelers I was hitting more of the 3-woods around. You've gotta have driver in your hand, you've got to hit a lot of fairways. The rough is up.

And I can't stress this enough, the par 5s aren't as easy as -- they're long and there's a lot of water out here. You know, fingers crossed, you try and stay out of that stuff because that's obviously bringing in the double penalty. Instead of being in the middle of the fairway trying to have an opportunity at birdie, you're bringing in double bogey or worse at times. With a lot of hazards around and a lot of thick rough, and it's kind of patchy, so you've got to kind of get lucky in the rough when you go out there. Looking at it on Tuesday and Wednesday, today, I feel like we'll come up with a good game plan to get into this tomorrow.

Q. This being the first year of the event, what drew you I guess to this, to want to come play here?

JASON DAY: Well, it obviously fit perfectly between -- typically I've always struggled with putting tournaments in play leading into the British Open. I knew that -- you know, I played obviously the U.S. Open and Travelers, and then I didn't want to take a three-week break going into The Open. I wanted to at least play, have a bit of a break and then -- because I'll go over to The Open early. I'll go there probably Friday and get some practice rounds in. At least I'll have tournament, you know, play this week, see what I need to work on for The Open Championship starting on Monday, and then kind of work on it from there.

This will give me a good indication of where my game's at, especially heading into the last major. Once again, this is very similar grass to what I play over in Ohio, so it's nice to be able -- and I've seen it before like on TV and I've never been to Minneapolis, so it's nice to have a stop here.

Q. Jason, you said when you started first working with Steve that you expected with his no-nonsense approach that your game will elevate. It's been about a month now. Have you seen that?

JASON DAY: I played two tournaments with him, so it's not so much the game that's elevated, it's more that he's created a lot more discipline in myself with regards to my game. I'm working a lot harder now than I had previously in the last couple years. Whether that, you know, ultimately returns in good results, that will happen. I've just got to be patient with it.

We're not so -- we're still trying to win tournaments this year, but 2020 is when we're going to fire on all cylinders and try and get things going, because I think with all the work and the process that we're trying to put forward, hopefully that kind of starts to pay dividends next season.

Q. Why do you think it will take that much time?

JASON DAY: I may win this week, you know what I mean? I'm not trying to say that I'm not winning this season; I definitely every week that I play I'm trying to win. There's just things I need to slowly tighten up. I've just got to stay disciplined, that's the big thing for me. It's nice to be able to have a caddie who's done it all and is willing to say, "If you don't work hard, I'm off the bag." So that kind of gives you a kickstart in the right direction.

He's very positive, he keeps you pushing forward. We're always trying to evaluate things after tournaments and trying to work on things for the next week and go from there. It's just a lot more structure in the way that my process is, the way that I use my time or utilize my time. I feel like it's a lot more crisp and clean and there's not a lot of surprises now, so I've just got to go out and try to perform.

Q. With what you've seen of the course so far, do you think where they've lengthened it or where they've narrowed some of the fairways will be more of a factor?

JASON DAY: Oh, 100 percent. That 18th hole is brutal. I mean, we've got the Aon Risk hole is the 18th hole. I wish I was playing that 14th hole last week. I think that ultimately sets up for a really good finish because I hit a really good drive down there and hit 3-iron into it. If you can have somewhere between a long -- somewhere in the long irons to wood coming into that green, I think if you could hold that green there, should be some fireworks coming down the stretch.

Yeah, I noticed that they're going to use a number of different tee boxes over the course.

Eighteen wasn't one of them, so they may move the tee box up to the front of the tee, but that's going to obviously play long. I can't remember how many off the top of my head, but there's a lot of tee boxes that they're going to use through the course and they may shorten a hole. I think though may shorten 7 to make a drivable par 4.

Q. There's three of them they can shorten.

JASON DAY: Yeah, so there's definitely opportunity to have a really deep score, but I'm hoping that, fingers crossed, it starts to dry out, things get harder, because right now it's more of a putting event, I think. You've still got to hit good drives and good iron shots, but for the most part, if they tuck them tight to the corners of the greens, everyone's going to be hitting the same spots. And if it plays firm and fast, that means you have to have everything firing in your game. I think that would be best views for fans and obviously best playing for us.

Q. Brooks noted this morning he saw more fans on a Wednesday than he's used to seeing. Was that your experience as well?

JASON DAY: Yeah, definitely. I don't know how the turnout was for the senior guys here, but I feel like the fans here or the people here are excited at the possibility of having this for an extension and having this tournament around for a while.

To have the PGA TOUR in town and seeing Brooks and Phil, names like that, I think it's exciting for them because I think there's a lot of people here that haven't had the opportunity to go, also see some of these guys other than obviously the Ryder Cup that was just here a couple years ago. So this is going to be a good week. The weather is hopefully going to hold off for us and I think the fans are going to love it.

DOUG MILNE: I know you mentioned The Open coming up. If you can just kind of take us through your schedule. We're kind rounding third with the season.

JASON DAY: Not much. It just obviously depends on -- I can't remember where I am at the FedEx, but if I play well enough --

DOUG MILNE: Thirty-fourth.

JASON DAY: Thanks, man. I need to improve that. Obviously I need to try and get that ranking up for Wyndham Rewards. I know we've got a season-long -- for the season that we've got coming up before the Playoffs, we have the Wyndham Rewards. So that may change if I get myself into an opportunity at winning that. But, you know, I've got this week, British, WGC and then the Playoffs. So I'm looking forward to a strong finish here.

DOUG MILNE: Well, Jason, best of luck this week and we appreciate your time.