

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
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**TYLER DUNCAN ( -19, wins second playoff hole)**

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**JOHN BUSH:** We would like to welcome Tyler Duncan into the interview room, our 2019 RSM Classic champion.

Tyler, what a day out there. You carried the lead, first of all, into this tournament on the weekend and 18 pars yesterday, not exactly moving day for you, but now you've got your first PGA TOUR victory. Congratulations on a great round of golf today.

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Thank you, I appreciate it.

**JOHN BUSH:** Just comment on what's going through your head.

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah. Yesterday I didn't play poorly, I just didn't hit it close enough and didn't make too many birdies, but today I just wanted to keep doing what I've been doing and luckily I was able to make a few more today.

**Q. It opens up so many more doors for you now. I know as a Ponte Vedra resident you're really looking forward to the PLAYERS Championship. You're also looking forward to Hawaii, I know.**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yes, for sure. Just looking forward to everything that's to come. I'm sure I don't even know half the stuff that is going to come my way from this and I'm just looking forward to everything and embracing all of it.

**Q. I apologize for not knowing this, but on the telecast they said your last victory might have been the 2011 U.S. -- I mean Indiana Amateur.**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** As far as a four-day tournament, I would say that's probably correct. I never won on the Latin American Tour, never won on the Web.com, Korn Ferry Tour, and I hadn't won out here until then. I had won a few mini-tour events, but nothing with the PGA TOUR.

**Q. And the day after you made 18 pars, which came a day after shooting 61, can you walk us through the birdies three of the last four holes? Talk us through your birdies three of the last four holes. What was going on inside you, especially on that final putt?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah, I was, you know, obviously a little bit nervous, but on 15 tee I wasn't that nervous. I knew I was a few behind and maybe I would have a chance if I made a few birdies coming in. But 17 and 18 aren't necessarily birdie holes, so we just tried to

give our best chance to make birdie on 15. Hit a really nice 4-iron up there to the middle of the green and the putt was just probably lacking a touch of break, a touch of speed, whatever you prefer. Then hit a nice shot in there on 16 and missed the putt, and then probably one of the best 4-irons I've ever hit on 17 to six feet and made it. And then obviously 18, to make that 25, 30-footer to get into a playoff, that was some of the most emotion I've never felt.

**Q. I was going to ask, is that about as much emotion as you show on the golf course?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah. I don't know how it was after I made the putt to win the playoff, but both of them were pretty incredible feelings.

**Q. And what did you do to kind of pass the time as you were waiting to see what Webb was going to do?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Just tried to stay calm and walk around and lower my heart rate a little bit and just kind of bring everything down to, you know, normal really.

Hit a couple putts on the chalk lines there that I had set up this morning with the Perfect Putter and got this feeling nice and went over to the range and hit a few balls until we got word about the playoff.

**Q. How many events have you worked with Zach now?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Our first event was the Korn Ferry Tour Championship where I finished fourth, and then he was working for another player at the time so we had a break. Then he started back for me in Bermuda, so four or five events now.

**Q. What went into your decision to move to Ponte Vedra?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** I was living in Tampa for two years and we loved Tampa, Tampa's a great city, but the golf facilities and stuff there weren't great. So if I really wanted to take it to the next level, I needed to be somewhere else. There's no place better in the world than TPC Sawgrass, so just being able to go out there and play every day and practice has been incredible.

**Q. Tyler, you mentioned the other day you have I think a best man's speech coming up and you were going to be more nervous about that than yesterday's round. Did that change though once you got down the stretch here and into a playoff with Webb Simpson in how would you compare the nerves with those two things?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** I was definitely nervous today, so I'll be nervous for the speech still, for sure. I'm not great at standing in front of people and giving any conversations, but I'm doing better and I think that I was probably a lot more nervous on those couple putts there on 18

than I will be during the speech.

**Q. Have you started working on the speech? Are you close?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** I have some notes in my phone, for sure, but nowhere near finished.

**Q. You've been a pro now for 10 years. When did winning on the PGA TOUR feel farthest away?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** There were probably two different times. When I was on the Web.com/Korn Ferry Tour I lost my card in 2016 and then I had to go back to Q-School. I think it was, yeah, 2016 I had to go back to Q-School and missed at second stage. Just had very many limited status, so that was a low.

Then kind of the end of this season I felt like I had been putting in a lot of work and never really God anything out of it, and going back to the Korn Ferry Finals. You never know, this is a crazy game. It can go several different directions.

**Q. And then what did performing well under the pressure of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship kind of do for you and how did it maybe help today?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** It helped today a ton. I was very nervous coming down the stretch there at Victoria National. It's a very tough, challenging course, especially that finish, so I was nervous there. I was nervous today and just getting better at managing those. It definitely helped.

**Q. Considering how well Brendon Todd's been playing, when you see his name at the top of the board, I wonder if you think, oh, this is going to be tough to win today, but on the same token does his recent success, having gone through some struggles yourself, does that help you guys, give you confidence that you could break through as well?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** For sure. He's been playing unbelievable golf. Coming into the weekend I figured that he was going to be someone that was going to make a run for it, the golf that he's been playing. We were talking about if anyone had won three consecutive golf tournaments in a row and he's found something and he's been playing some unbelievable golf.

**Q. Tyler, at the KFT Championship you were there to congratulate Hank Lebioda. After finishing, he was able to bring that back full circle today. What was that moment like to see him?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah, it was awesome. Hank and I have become very close over the last year basically, and we stay together sometimes and he's a great guy. His wife, Mary's, awesome. We have so much fun with him and it's great to have support out here.

**Q. A couple years ago you got your first PGA TOUR card after your bachelor party. Now going into Adam Schenk's wedding, giving the best man speech, you win. What is it about being kind of around these festive moments that helps you perform well?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** I just love being around family and friends so I think that probably brings the best out of it me. I enjoy doing that and hanging out with people and having a good time. I think just being around family and friends and looking forward to those times that we get to spend together is something that I cherish.

**Q. How much scoreboard watching were you doing today?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** I definitely, I definitely looked a few times. I would say three or four times. So I looked on kind of around the turn somewhere, I think on nine green I was looking. And then I saw on 16 green that I think it was Webb that was leading made a bogey, so I was T-1 there at 17 under. Then he and I'm assuming Sebastian, too, they both birdied 15 to take the one-shot lead ahead of me. I made that putt on 18, so I figured 19 would win or be in a playoff. So I was definitely aware of what was going on.

**Q. And at what age did you start dreaming of winning one of those trophies on the PGA TOUR?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** I mean, as long as I can remember. My uncle played on the Nationwide Tour, so I grew up watching him and watching his scores, and he won out there on the Nationwide Tour. So as soon as I could do that, that was something I wanted to do.

**Q. Who's your uncle?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Andrew Johnson.

**Q. And then I'm sure in college you had to play in some bad weather and now you're playing on the Tour, and at least stats would suggest you're playing against guys who hit it a lot farther than you. Is kind of toughness one of your strong suits?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah. For sure, it's definitely something I've been working a lot on the last few months even. I feel like I've always been pretty tough, but nowhere near where I am now. I think a lot of the stuff I've been working on the last few months is starting to pay off and I'm really happy about it.

**Q. What have you been doing?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Training a little harder, honestly, in the gym, that kind of stuff. Just pushing yourself a little bit more, trying to bring yourself into the moment of what's going on. I think a lot of that's translated and I think that's a lot of it.

**Q. You mentioned before you're a pretty calm, reserved guy, but has it sunk in? This is a life-changing moment obviously for you?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** It hasn't sunk in. It sounds amazing thinking about it, but I don't think it's completely sunk in yet. I can sit here and think about everything that's going to be coming and THE PLAYERS Championship and the Masters and just two, I think it's two more seasons exempt on Tour. All those things are just unbelievable. I don't think I could honestly process all of that right now, but just thinking about it's pretty awesome.

**Q. You mentioned the Masters. What is your experience at all with August National?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Never been.

**Q. Never had the opportunity to go as a spectator?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Never been, no.

**Q. Is that something you always thought about or would there be another tournament you put above that?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** It's one of my favorites, for sure. It's something I watch on TV and I enjoy watching. Just being able to compete at Augusta is probably one of the top things that I've been looking forward to. But it's also going to be nice to go back and play THE PLAYERS Championship and stay in my bed. I wasn't going to be able to do that before today, so I'm very happy about that.

**Q. I know it's so fresh, but how does this change your goals for the rest of the season now?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Keep winning, just do the best that I can. I don't think -- I don't have -- I don't think it changes a whole lot. Just honestly, figure out what I've been doing leading up to this point and keep doing that because it's been paying off. You know, I don't know how much it will change, but just keep climbing up the FedExCup and make a run there at the end of the season to make it to East Lake would probably be unbelievable. Obviously there's a ton of golf left to do, but to be able to make it just deep into the FedExCup Playoffs would be awesome.

**Q. And playing off what Steve asked you earlier, what would you say is the biggest thing you ever won in golf up to now?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** The biggest thing I ever won in golf? As far as just tournament-wise? Biggest tournament I've won?

**Q. Sure.**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** So I haven't won a whole lot as you guys know. I won the state amateur championship in 2011, I won the high school championship, I didn't win anything in college, I don't think. Haven't won on any of the developmental tours. There's not a whole lot there as far as winning, but I've had a lot of different moments that have helped prepare me for this moment and it just hadn't happened yet.

**Q. As a northern guy, did you like that today's forecast was a little cooler and windier?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** I loved it. When I saw that, I was like it's going to be great because you just go out and play solid golf. And one of my strengths is ball-striking, controlling my ball and I did a pretty good job of that. Anytime there's wind, you have to be able to really control your ball and it definitely worked in my favor.

**JOHN BUSH:** All right, Tyler, congratulations once again and we'll see you in Kapalua in January.

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Thank you.