



XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-12)

Q. How would you characterize your round today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I was trying to figure out what was worse, I mean, yeah, whether the pace of play or my quality of golf. It was kind of a tie, I think, today. It was just a lot of bad breaks kind of. Not to be like a sour person, but just one of those days. I told Austin, hopefully we can kind of get away with an even or 1 under. Today was my bad day for the week, got it out of the way before Sunday, which is nice. I guess I'm in a familiar place being 3 back now.

Q. Did the pace of play affect you at all?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I mean, I took three weeks off. You know, playing five hours and 40 minutes is kind of ridiculous in my mind. Everyone else had to -- I mean, some of us had to deal with it; obviously other guys did better than I did. Just when you're not feeling super comfortable it's nice to kind of get the ball rolling, get some swings in. Sitting around waiting, thinking about how you're not really playing that great is never fun.

Q. As you said, you're in a familiar position, all your wins have come from behind, and knowing that that was maybe your bad round today --

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it's all part of my master plan. Just had to get behind here, back in a comfortable place and looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. You'll start tomorrow with a target on someone's back knowing where he is and what you need to chase?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, that's true. I'm 3 back. Obviously it would have been nice to be 1 or tied or 2 back, but 3's the number. Kind of a day to forget, I guess. So we'll leave it at that and try and do better tomorrow.

Q. And the finish here, to make a run, the 5-3-5 finish gives you a chance to make a run no matter what really?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, exactly. That's what I was telling myself all day. I managed to go 5-4-5, so I got away with a couple 5s and made an unfortunate 4. Just kind of, like I said, one to forget, but hopefully I can be in the hunt on the back nine there and you never know what can happen in the finishing stretch.