



SANDY LYLE

SANDY LYLE: Definitely going. I have no idea what to expect, I've never played Augusta this time of the year, but the one good thing is I've been looking at the weather forecast and we have some pretty good weather. I think it's going to be quite mild and warm during the tournament. That makes a huge difference. If you get the late season fall when it's in the 40s and 50s and I've got the early morning times, it will be a whole different ballgame. Cross your fingers for an old guy playing there having it warm, a little bit of help down the fairways, manage to get it around decent.

Q. How many years will this make it being down there?

SANDY LYLE: I think about 38 times I've been playing. The Open Championship I was done a few years ago at 43 times.

Q. I'm guessing there's still that feeling of pulling up and driving down -- I'm sure it never gets old, right?

SANDY LYLE: Well, it's getting better and better. I get allowed as a past champion to park right next to the pro shop. You literally fall out, you're in the pro shop, you're in the clubhouse. You can't get any nearer other than being by the door. It's a pleasure to have it so close to the -- it's just a prestige tournament, to park that close to the clubhouse.

Q. And with no patrons, what do you think that's going to do to the players?

SANDY LYLE: Well, I mean, I've had the luxury of witnessing Nicklaus when he won back in '86 because I was marking his card or I was playing with him and I saw Augusta probably at its noisiest right there in those last five holes. From that to what I'm going to be seeing this time will be like the other end of the scale. I mean, a lot of players now, regular tour players and senior tour, we played without crowds, so we just get on with it.

Q. Sandy, do you have a favorite first Masters memory that you can share with us?

SANDY LYLE: I think I just said a few minutes ago, my biggest memory is obviously playing with Jack. I never played with him before in a regular event. I played nine holes with him (inaudible) wasting time, but as a tournament situation, it's a whole new beast. To go out there at Augusta just as a two-ball, it's a schoolboy's dream to have that kind of -- play with Jack. He was supposed to be over the hill at the time at 46 years old and ends up winning. To me, that was obviously great to win it for myself, but memory wise, that would be in the top 3.

Q. What was your favorite champions dinner meal?

SANDY LYLE: (Indiscernible.) That was not mine anyway, that was Vijay Singh had about 11, 12 courses, I think kind of Thai-ish, some peppers and some fish and there was some other things, just kept bringing it in. We thought we were done and another five plates later we were still going at it. He got the round of applause at the end of the night. They said if you win it next year (inaudible.)