

DAVID DUVAL

CONNOR STANGE: David, thank you for joining us at the Cologuard Classic. Can you just open with your thoughts on being back at Tucson, a place you've won before?

DAVID DUVAL: It's nice. I don't recall the last time I was here, but it's nice to go around the golf course and see it again and think of some shots that I've hit over the years, back in the '90s and stuff. Just always liked it, always liked being here.

CONNOR STANGE: And this week you're making your third start on PGA TOUR Champions. Can you just talk about how the first two starts have gone for you and what your thoughts are?

DAVID DUVAL: They haven't gone as well as I would have thought or wanted them to, but at the same time I'm trying to be patient with myself because I haven't really done this in quite some time, and I certainly haven't played back-to-back let alone three tournaments in a row in probably nine or 10 years. I've played competitively maybe 10 times in the last five years.

So it's just, you know, it's just getting the rust off more than anything, figuring out the routines of it again, budgeting your time because there is something to just naturally getting into that flow of knowing how to get everything you need to get done in a day.

Q. How would you describe your approach to this second chapter of your playing career?

DAVID DUVAL: There's a lot of excitement. I'm happy with most everything I'm doing. I'm looking forward to competing on a fairly full schedule, which is, again like I said, something I haven't done in quite some time. I'm looking at it as an opportunity to be with old friends and travel more with my wife and play golf and, you know, have a good time, enjoy doing it. You know, probably in some ways not taking it for granted like I may have towards the end of my full-time playing that I get to do this.

Q. What do you remember about the 1998 Chrysler Classic?

DAVID DUVAL: Well, there's a few distinct memories I have. I shot 66 the first round and then there was a very similar situation as to what's going on right now where a front came through and I played in the morning on Friday and shot 62. Basically, as I putted out on 18, all hell broke loose with the weather, with wind and cold and the temperature dropped. So I had a sizeable lead because of conditions.

I remember thinking to myself in the ninth fairway, I hadn't really paid close attention to it, I guess, but I was like, "Oh, man, I'm 6 under after eight holes; if I make birdie here, I shoot 29. That's always cool." I holed out a 5-iron for a two, so I shot 28.

We got to 18 on the 72nd hole, had a long, difficult putt of probably 30 feet or so, had a two-shot lead or so, but made that putt to end up winning by four, I believe it was.

Q. When you look back at everything that you accomplished on the PGA TOUR, but then also having injuries and some issues kind of cut that off, how do you kind of just summarize?

DAVID DUVAL: Right. That's a great question. I guess the best way I could answer the question is that there's -- if you would have told me the day I turned pro that I would win 20 times around the world, get to world No. 1, win a PLAYERS, win a major, Ryder Cups, Presidents Cups, I would have probably taken it and said that's awesome, but when you're in the midst of it, in the throws of it and you're realizing some potential, I reflect back and there's not regret, because injury happens unfortunately in sport, but I look back thinking, you know what, had I not been hurt, had I not continually had these nagging little problems, I could potentially have been a 25-, 30-win player and two or three majors.

So I try to balance that out. If you really think about it when you started, it's a hell of a career, but at the same time I think it could have been better had I not gotten hurt.

Q. Being a broadcaster, being able to kind of watch everybody and watch everything, how might that help you out here?

DAVID DUVAL: I don't know if that really will because, I mean, certainly while I was on top of the world I was one of the longer hitters on the Tour and played a power-type game, if you will, like they're really playing. I appreciate what these young athletes are doing and the things they can do, but I don't know if there's a whole lot I can take away from it other than basically using the one stat that they all seem to adhere to, which is the closer you get it to the green, the better your score's going to be. Simple enough, it's that simple. Basically, all things being equal, have bore that out. So I'm trying to figure out a way for me to take advantage of the little bit of length I have left and utilize that.

Q. What would it mean to you to win this weekend?

DAVID DUVAL: That would be spectacular, especially having won here before. That would be a real dream come true.

Q. Do you see yourself doing a lot of TV anymore or are you full time?

DAVID DUVAL: Well, this year I'm not going to be doing any Live Froms this year. I just can't, I can't fit it into if I'm going to try to play a full schedule of whatever it may be, call it 22 weeks. I can't add in six more weeks of leaving my family and my daughter, who lives at

home -- my son is at a boarding school -- and be that selfish. I still have to be a husband and a father along with being a professional golfer.

Q. How do you explain what Bernhard has been able to do out here?

DAVID DUVAL: I think it's commitment, it's persistence, it's attention to detail, it's belief in yourself. And, you know, to the best of my knowledge, Bernhard's 64 now, he's been one of the lucky few to avoid the injuries throughout his career because that really has and will continue to derail a lot of players.