



Q. What was just most satisfying about today?

JOEL DAHMEN: Beating Seamus Power.

Q. Did you have a pretty good rapport today?

JOEL DAHMEN: I love Seamus. We met freshman year of college, I believe, and we played together at regionals and I was like, this guy's really good. We've kind of been on the same trajectory really throughout our careers.

No, I would say I made a bunch of shortish putts that weren't easy. Greens are fast. Historically not a great putter, so to make those with confidence was really nice.

Q. How many times in the course of a round do you get in, I don't want to say it's a game but you get in a competition just with the guy you're playing with, because nine times out of 10 I'd guess you're not really paying attention.

JOEL DAHMEN: Correct. So Seamus was always ahead of me, I think he was like 3 up on me early. I'm like, okay, he's playing really well, he's played awesome obviously recently. I'm like, if I can keep up with Seamus it means I'm probably in a really good spot today. It wasn't so much competition, it's like, hey, this guy's kind of leading right now and he's ahead of the game, so if you can hang with him, you're probably going to be in a good spot.

Q. Do you remember where y'all first met?

JOEL DAHMEN: I believe we played together at ASU Karsten course in the regional of -- it would be spring of '07.

Q. Do you feel like that trajectory for both of you now is the best golf of your careers at 35?

JOEL DAHMEN: For sure for him.

Q. What about for you?

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah, I've had a couple runs. I feel like my game is in a spot where it's more sustainable now. I've been improving a lot on my putting. Stats aren't showing that, but I promise it's improving. My short game's improved a ton this fall. I have guys like Kevin Streelman around who just really encourage me to be great.



I would say that I am -- obviously this fall's been really good for me, but I think my best golf is in front of me, yes.

Q. You said on the Fire Pit pod about playing with fear. Is that fear because the winner exemption's gone, fear that you have a mouth to feed soon?

JOEL DAHMEN: I've been playing with fear since forever, since I got my Tour card really. I'm scared to death of having a job. I've never really had one. Pretty good spot financially with the family right now and I just don't -- I mean, I don't want to give this up. It's one of the most coveted things in all of sports is a PGA TOUR card. Yeah, I just don't want to give this up.

Q. Has that been inspiration all this fall, because you did mention that you are aware it's the first year that the winner's exemption is up?

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah, I mean, you're always anxious. Golf's hard. Golf is very hard and it can go sour quickly. To play with freedom for a year and a half, two and a half years really, never had that in my career. So yeah, like teeing up in Napa was like OK, we're back at square one. If you don't play well, you don't have a job. I was very aware of that, for sure. And maybe, yeah, I don't think about it necessarily when I'm out there, but there's been a couple extra days of practice for sure. I mean, I've always kind of played better when my back's against the wall a little bit, and it's hard to say your back's against the wall when you're starting out a year, but for the first time in a couple years it was different for me, for sure.

Q. Would you call what you have now fear or just maybe an awareness is a better way of saying it?

JOEL DAHMEN: I have a fear of getting a job. I have a strong fear of getting a job, yes.

Q. Any job in particular or just a job?

JOEL DAHMEN: Any job where I am not the boss, where I don't get -- I go to work whenever I want. Yeah, any job is scary.

Q. How much of that fear is because of the change in the way the system is set up now?

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah, it's harder -- I mean, with the new system comes if you play really well, now you're in that top tier, now you're on the PGA TOUR, not the PGB tour. The PGA TOUR is really sweet right now and it's the best time I think ever to be on Tour. Great play will get you to that next level and that's a great spot to be.

Q. Is the putting the biggest is thing this fall or anything else?



JOEL DAHMEN: I've been hitting it really well. I always typically hit it well, but it's been like a long stretch of hitting it really well. And I don't think there's any one thing per se, it's just sticking with one golf shot and hitting it over and over and over again and that works pretty well for me.

Q. You ever made a resume?

JOEL DAHMEN: I believe in high school maybe like a business class we had to build a resume. I probably -- I worked valet for a little bit when I wasn't in school and I think I had to put a resume together for that, but not like a real resume. I mean, yeah, maybe business class in high school. What do you put on that, I mowed lawns and I raked my grandma's leaves? I don't know, that's not a very good resume.

Q. Is the valet your one job?

JOEL DAHMEN: That was my most -- I mean, I worked at a golf course a little bit, but valet was like punching a time clock, going to work. That was a real job, for sure.

Q. How long did that last?

JOEL DAHMEN: Six months-ish maybe.

Q. Any good stories?

Q. What was it that scarred you from that job?

JOEL DAHMEN: Showing up when someone else told me to show up and not making nearly enough money. Yeah, I just -- the freedom that the golf allows us and you know, we get to choose our own schedule and play when we want and get to be home. And I've got a kid on the way, so to have the freedom of being home would be awesome when that time comes.

Q. Playing with fear is a good thing for you?

JOEL DAHMEN: It's worked OK this fall so far. I mean, there's a line there of fear versus and then just having freedom to go play golf as well. So the better golf you play the more freedom you have. I would say it's OK this fall though, for sure.

