ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES 19 October 2023



XANDER SCHAUFFELE

Q. Xander, just your assessment on that 3 under round?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, pretty solid. Birdied all the par 5s, which is always a good thing, and played them -- was able to hit the green in two on two out of three. Pretty happy. Got a little windy through certain parts of the round and I wasn't able to hit sort -- the times I hit the fairway, I wasn't able to sort of capitalize on a good wedge shot, so probably going to go try and clean that up right now.

Q. How is the game feeling first time back in a couple weeks?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, pretty solid. I'm happy with how I'm driving it, happy with how I'm rolling it. Just need to tighten up some of the dispersion from the fairway. With the greens being soft, you feel like you can be really aggressive. Just need to clean that up.

Q. I hate to ask you the question again, but clarify your Japanese roots, both sides of the family. You're the guy with the least Japanese name with the most Japanese.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, my grandparents came over from Taiwan in the '60s, they immigrated.

Q. Which side?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: My mom's side. And then my brother was born in Stuttgart but grew up in Tokyo, and then my parents lived here in Tokyo for quite some time. So when my brother went back to the States, he could barely speak English. Then my wife is half Japanese and she grew up in Okinawa. So I just have a lot of family ties here.

Q. How's your Japanese?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I can't -- I need a lot of help. The more time I spend here I pick up on phrases. Whenever my parents didn't want me to understand anything, they spoke in Japanese. It's been around me my whole life.