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## **DAVID DUVAL**



Q. David, no secrets to the question here, you're obviously glad to be here, you played your way in last week. You made some good comments to Al Sunday night. If I can just kind of get you to recap. You've been feeling good.

**DAVID DUVAL: Right.** 

Q. You know it's kind of all coming together, and to have a week like that pay off with a week here, just a few comments on that?

**DAVID DUVAL:** Yeah, my golf itself, the ball hitting, putting, everything's been good and getting better and better. As golfers, we all know and everybody who plays it, you usually walk off the course shooting the highest score you can. Rarely is it "I got everything out of it."

But those high scores, when I feel like I shot three or four shots worse than I should have, that has been continuing to trend down. Playing in Jacksonville at home was disappointing how it went, I felt like I played a lot better than my results.

But going to Cary, I knew I had to have the best week I've had since I've been out here. I didn't know exactly what that meant. I put myself in position after the first couple days or first couple of rounds I guess you would call it, we played 30 holes Sunday, extremely difficult conditions for quite some time and that's obviously for everybody. I got off to a bit of a rough start, made the turn, hit a really beautiful shot on the par-3 11th to about eight feet and missed it. It's like, OK, you've got seven holes left and if you don't make four birdies, you get to go home. I ended up making three and it turned out to be just enough.

Q. Really last question, if I'm trying to write the perfect article using myself as perspective, I know it's there, I know I've got the ability to do it and I just can't get the result that I'm looking for.

**DAVID DUVAL:** Right.

Q. How do you keep from getting frustrated when you know your game is there, the pieces and the parts, the whole game's there, but you're just not getting what you expect out of it? How do you find that balance to keep yourself focused on the task at hand?

DAVID DUVAL: Yeah, that's the --

Q. The great mystery.

## **DAVID DUVAL: -- the great mystery, right?**

Well, I looked at it and was like, you know, especially last week in Cary, you know what, you need to have the best attitude you've had on a golf course in years and just let everything roll off your back. You're going to hit good shots, you're going to hit bad shots, ball's going to bounce funny, but getting worked up after a shot is not going to do me any good for the week.

So that's kind of how I approached it. I took every shot as it came and went and just tried to improve my position after that shot and just keep moving forward on the golf course.

Kind of a lesson to learn that I've been pushing it too hard at times, trying too hard to get the results as opposed to just getting out of my own way and letting it happen.