

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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JASON DUFNER (-6)



Q. We'll just start off with some comments about a good opening solid round.

JASON DUFNER: Yeah, today was nice. Came off a bit of a break, which was nice, kind of regrouped after the season and head into this kind of fall season. We're all adjusting to it a little bit. It's nice to have the opportunity to play and try to, you know, sneak back into that 125 category.

Q. (No microphone.)

JASON DUFNER: I think I did everything pretty well, I was pretty happy with all phases of my game. I was able to have a very aggressive mindset and be aggressive in my self-talk and be pretty direct in what I was trying to tell myself to do and that gave me a lot of freedom to play out there today.

Q. Coming to the fall version of this season, what is your kind of mindset as you kind of attack these next seven events or so?

JASON DUFNER: Yeah, so for me, I'm outside the 125, outside the 150, so it's nice to have the opportunity. I've kind of -- I don't want to say I lucked into, but I was able to use a career money exemption for this year, and on top of that I got last fall and this fall, so it's kind of a bonus type of deal for me so I'm trying to take as much advantage of it as I can to continue to be out here in some capacity.

Q. The start to your season, a couple solid results to kind of finish though, does it feel like the game is rounding in the right direction?

JASON DUFNER: Yeah, it felt pretty good at the end of the year. I had a nice finish the event before the last in Minnesota and I've had great success in Greensboro. Greensboro was a little flat, didn't play well and missed the cut, so that was disappointing.

But it was nice to kind of have five weeks off, kind of assess where I'm at, get a little rest and just kind of focus on what maybe I need to do to play just a little bit better and try to get some type of full status for next year.

Q. You took five weeks off, a kind of forced five weeks off, but still guys usually say it takes a little bit to get back into tournament form. Are you happy with how you played after one round?

JASON DUFNER: Yeah, definitely. There's always that little question in your mind like

how's this going to go. I've been working pretty hard and pretty focused and determined with where I want to go with my game, but I don't have the best of results for the last couple years, so you wonder is this going to click or is this going to be something that falls flat.

But today was nice. The weather was perfect, that helps a little bit, and it was nice to just get out there and make some birdies and get off to a good start.