

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
November 10, 2023

**MARCO DAWSON (-11)**



**Q. Marco, great round today, 64 coming off a top-10 last week. Just a few thoughts on how you felt coming into the week and about today as well.**

**MARCO DAWSON:** I've been putting well. Made some putts today, made some putts yesterday. Just didn't make any dumb mistakes. This course is not -- you know, you really, you're not going to find too many real bad penalty shots, areas, but the greens are really fast so you've got to be careful there.

**Q. I've heard a lot of players come off and talk about the greens being significantly faster today. Did you notice that?**

**MARCO DAWSON:** No, I didn't. I'm battling some -- it's not an injury yet, but I've got some pain in my muscle, chest area and every time I swing it flares up and it hurts, so I'm just trying to get through the day. I wasn't sure if I was going to make three holes yesterday it was hurting so bad and I just kept on going and going, it was OK, OK. So I think maybe that's one of the reasons why I'm scoring well, because I'm not focused on my game. I'm just trying to stay out there and play and make sure I get around.

**Q. Is it muscular related or heart?**

**MARCO DAWSON:** Yeah. It's not heart, I had them check me out last week when I was home on Monday. I had it checked, it's not heart. I did have a cough last week, I've still got a little bit of a cough, but that's not it. It's more muscle related because every time I swing a driver, it hurts, but when I get on a par-3 and make a par-3, I get some relief. It's strange, I've never had it before.

**Q. Well, certainly not trying to make light of that, but is that something that you're able to potentially help keep you focused?**

**MARCO DAWSON:** I wish it would go away, to be honest with you, because there are points out there where I thought I might have to just say OK, I've had enough, this hurts so bad I can't stand it. I would rather not have it even though I'm playing well. I don't know if it's because of it and I'm not focused so much on my game and putting everything into it, I'm just trying to get through the day.

**Q. How long has this been going on?**

**MARCO DAWSON:** About three weeks, since Patrick got sick.



**Q. When did you realize you were in contention today?**

**MARCO DAWSON:** Well, I looked at the leaderboard, there was 9s and 10 and I figured OK, I'm only a couple shots away. Then I did the math.

**Q. Your up-and-down on 18.**

**MARCO DAWSON:** Yeah.

**Q. Nice bunker --**

**MARCO DAWSON:** No, I was lucky that my ball didn't go in the water because there was no sand in that bunker, it was hardpan from that -- I was shocked that there's no sand in that bunker. I can't believe there's no sand in that bunker. They haven't done the job to figure out that there's no sand in that bunker, a greenside bunker you're going across towards the water.

**Q. There's nothing?**

**MARCO DAWSON:** No.

**Q. When was the last time that you shared the lead, do you remember?**

**MARCO DAWSON:** No, I don't remember. Maybe at home with my buddies (Laughs.)

**Q. Did you win?**

**MARCO DAWSON:** You know, I think I did.

