

**ROUND 1 QUOTES**  
**January 24, 2024**



**XANDER SCHAUFFELE**

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**Q. Start by talking a little bit about your round today and how it looked on the course.**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** Yeah, started off with a three-putt, so pretty slow on that end. Was able to make like a nice 20, 20-odd-some putt on the second hole. Overall pretty solid. I had a really nice stretch of golf there through kind of the hard part of the course hitting fairways and hitting some pretty good iron shots, so pretty happy.

**Q. You talk a lot about being home, but actually being out here in front of fans and friends and family that come out and support you, what's it like on the course?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** Yeah, it's awesome. Nice to hear a couple extra cheers along the way.

**Q. Off-the-wall one for you, are you an ice plunge guy?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** Cold plunge?

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**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** Depending on the time of year, yeah. Sauna, cold plunge.

**Q. With these that they've got out here, have you used them yet at all?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** I have not used them this year. Yeah, I think it's awesome. They have like a little infrared tent, they have two cold plunges set up, maybe three. It's very nice.

**Q. Could you have imagined them having stuff like that out here when you started?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** I think so. It's definitely the direction things are going. Guys want to recover a little bit better and there's more science coming out behind how that whole process works. The Tour's just trying to accommodate what the players want, which is great.

**Q. How much do you use the fitness trailer pre-round?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** Yeah, I mean, about half an hour before every round.

**Q. And what do you do in there?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** Just warming up, typical warmup. I wouldn't call it a workout, just



a good warmup, just get the body warm and things moving correctly and then good to go.

**Q. Xander, you have a lot of experience on this golf course. How did the rains earlier in the week affect how things were playing out there for you today?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** Yeah, hitting the fairway was key. It was interesting, on the 17th hole I hit it in the rough. I hit it in a few fairway bunkers off some tees early on, which is totally fine, but I hit in the rough on 17 and I looked and it was still wet. Just the sun never really came out so that dew was making that grass a little bit trickier, a little bit grabbier on the club, so hitting the fairway was key today.

**Q. Patrick Cantlay was talking earlier about the advantages of being familiar with the conditions here in southern California. How much of a factor is that or do you see guys who never played here before do well or it doesn't matter?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** It's kind of a mindset. I think he was touching upon a mindset. You're going to hit a lot of good putts that don't go in, you're going to hit a couple putts that you think missed go in. Being able to accept some bumps here and there along the way. He's also referring to sort of the grass. You look around the property, there's like four to six different kinds of grass around a certain green. If you're not used to it, if you're used to a uniform sort of overseed, then it might be a bit tricky.

**Q. He also mentioned the fact that playing in southern California near the ocean in the heavy air, ball doesn't fly as far, is that a thing? Is that messing with a guy's head?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** It's just an adjustment. I think if you're not used to it, to some of those back pins even now, I mean, what's that on 14 on South, there's like three behind it. You have a 9-iron in your hand and you have to play sort of for the canyon to hit it to that back pin, which is pretty hard to get yourself to do.

**Q. Talk a little bit about what you need to do just now for the rest of the week?**

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE:** I'm on to the North Course, so completely different property. Fairways are key out there as well. The rough is going to be thick and saw a lot of low scores on the North Course even with that added length. Guys are making birdies on that property. Just looking to tomorrow to get myself in a good position.

