ROUND 4 QUOTES January 27, 2024

XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-9)



Q. Xander, just some thoughts on your play this weekend, particularly on the South Course?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I hit it really nice. I think I definitely hit it well enough to win the tournament, I just couldn't -- I consider myself a good putter, but boy, was it rough this week for me. Maybe good mental prep for next week, with. It being wet up at Pebble I imagine the greens will be bad, just mushy and poa annua-y so get in the right mind-frame for next week putting.

Q. Did you start the day feeling like you had a pretty strong chance given that there's a lot of come-from-behinds here at this event?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, for sure. I made the longest putt the week, made like a 30-, 35-footer on the first hole and I thought maybe this is my day. Then quickly missed a lot of putts I was missing yesterday and I realized quickly it wasn't, so just how it goes.

Q. Xander, was there anything you can point to with the putter that was causing your ails today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Just I hit some really good putts yesterday that just bounced all over the place and then today I had a couple misreads. I don't know if I was sort of thinking it was myself or the greens or whatever, but it definitely got in my head a little bit and wasn't able to even just sort of clutch up and make anything.

Q. I know the tournament just ended, but as you look ahead to the year, kind of assess your game and what's possible this year.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I'm excited for sure. I know I'm a good putter, so anything better than I have in the past early in the year. So definitely excited to just keep playing some tournaments and putting myself in contention.

Q. Xander, going into next week, Pebble, it's going to be a different kind of event this year, smaller field being a signature event going down to the two courses, no more Monterey Peninsula. how do you see those things changing how the event runs for you?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It's been a few years since I've been up at Pebble. Yeah, I mean, just one less course to prep for should make the week a little bit easier versus the three. Yeah, I think -- I'm hoping the rain kind of subsides a little bit. It didn't look great last night



when I checked it out on the weather app. Just got to keep plotting along here.

Q. Does a smaller field, smaller pro-am change things in particular for you?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I mean, I played three courses at AmEx, three rounds of pro-ams, and I think next week's two rounds, I believe. Just a little bit less on that front. For the most part, when you sign up for these events, you kind of know what you're getting.

