

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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WILL ZALATORIS (-6)
JOEL STOCK



Q. I guess for each of you, walk us through the shot, the ace.

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, I think it was 180 pin back into the wind and we were just trying to hit it kind of right in the middle of that gap between the two bunkers. I just pulled it about 10 feet and it landed perfectly on the fringe and killed it. Lucky to go in. It was a nice little bonus.

JOEL STOCK: Yeah, I mean, it was a perfect number for a 7, just a little bit of hurt. Pulled it just a touch, but it was tracking the whole way. One of those ones we were kind of like up and down the pin the whole time, and when the crowd went crazy, we went crazy, too.

Q. Did you guys know it came with a car for each of you?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, we did. That was kind of a fun bonus. Yeah, nice to add the shot into some of the fond memories of Peter Jacobsen hopping in the car. And same thing, Rich Beem, Beemer, same thing, hopping on top of it, so pretty fun.

Q. I did a quick Google search, it looks like yours is like \$10,000 more. Will you guys work out a trade?

WILL ZALATORIS: No, he can have it, absolutely, he can have it. We've been talking about it, too. Like I went through a stretch in like 2020 where I made like five and I haven't made one since, so I was like I'm going to make one sooner or later.

JOEL STOCK: He holed a shot from the fairway on 3 in the pro-am and he jokingly said the lid's off now, so I guess it was.

Q. I guess just talk about your round today. What was working, what maybe wasn't as much as yesterday?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, I kind of drove it all over the place. Still kind of working on the new changes a little bit. Kind of like I said yesterday, it's still a little bit of a conscious effort, but the beauty of it is whenever I do have a miss, we know exactly what it is. It's part of the reason why coming in I actually hit it good basically the last five, six holes. Kind of got it going sideways, I guess it was about 7 through 10.

Just keep doing what we're doing and, you know, let's get ourselves into the lead. Going to keep moving up, I would guess probably 12 or 13 would be my guess. We had a pretty



windy afternoon yesterday and they're not going to have anything close to what we had. I'm expecting to still need a good weekend coming up.

Q. Was that No. 6 for you today or did you have any more before 2020?

WILL ZALATORIS: That is my 10th, yeah.

Q. Would you say that was your craziest 1-under round you've ever had?

WILL ZALATORIS: For sure, yeah. Most of the time when I shoot 1 under it's like two birdies and a bogey. Having a hole-in-one thrown in there and a bunch of crazy bogeys is not exactly how we would have drawn it up, but still, we'll take it around this course. It's got some teeth, it's the fastest I've ever seen the greens. Some new hole locations like the one on 15, I mean, is probably the hardest pin -- I guess I played here in 2015. It's a new one, it's nuts. There's still some good pins that are going to be coming up over the weekend.

Q. This is your 10th hole-in-one?

WILL ZALATORIS: Um-hmm.

Q. No cars though, I'm assuming?

WILL ZALATORIS: No. Made one in the U.S. Open which was pretty fun, but besides that, no. That's definitely the most fun for sure.

Q. Joel, did Ben Crane ever win a car for you?

JOEL STOCK: Not a car, just a bunch of Wyndham points at one time. I just like seeing the hole-in-ones, that's what excites me.

WILL ZALATORIS: He's staying for free everywhere and he's driving for free everywhere he wants to now, so pretty good.

Q. What kind of cars do you guys drive now, Joel specifically?

JOEL STOCK: Chevy Tahoe.

WILL ZALATORIS: Lexus.

