

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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WILL ZALATORIS (-14)

Q. I know you wanted to win obviously, but from all you've been through to finish second, to play the way you did on the weekend, what are your emotions right now?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, pretty excited obviously where my game's headed.

I didn't say anything all week, but I -- sorry. I lost a family member on Thursday and she was -- so she was with me all week. You know, was pretty special on Friday to make the hole-in-one after -- sorry. Pretty special to make the hole-in-one on Friday after I found out on Thursday. She was with me all week.

Q. How hard was it for you to actually regroup with that happening, which is obviously a much bigger thing than golf?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, you know, it was very unexpected. This whole week was for her. My family can't be here no matter what would have happened, but very proud of how I played.

Q. Your family is in Dallas?

WILL ZALATORIS: No, they're up in the Northwest, so they're all up there right now. Just shows you life's short and appreciate the moments, how lucky I am to be out here.

Q. Is that where you're going next?

WILL ZALATORIS: I think so.

Q. Do you feel that this tournament for you, just the golf part of it, was a turning point at all now given how well you did and what you've all been through yourself health-wise?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, no, I've been -- every week I've been getting better, so I knew I just got to keep doing what I'm doing. I've got a lot of silver in my house so getting another second place doesn't really sit that well, but obviously coming back from what I had to go through physically, you know, we're in the right direction.

The goal today, this is really good preparation for the majors coming up. It's nice to be able to work on these changes when I'm in contention. You know, fully commit to what I'm doing. Like I said, I hit great putts all day, I just under-read a bunch of putts. Was above the hole a bunch, had a couple that were really slow going back up the hill, so I just kept missing



everything a little bit low. I don't think the greens slowed down at all, I think the first few days playing early kind of -- almost kind of scared me a little bit having some just crazy firm bounces.

But like I said, I'm headed in the right direction and week by week I've obviously been getting better, I'm getting more and more comfortable.

Q. Would you say that you're ahead of where you thought or has there been any impatience in this process to get back sooner?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yes, I was impatient from about April to December, there's no question about that.

Yeah, I'm definitely ahead of the curve in terms of the speed, where my game's at. It's just little things. And this is the beauty of this game is, you know, it's kind of nice when you get beat by somebody who shoots 62 on Sunday. 62 on Sunday is usually going to win a golf tournament or going to make you a lot of money. Hats off to Hideki, that is just stellar playing.

Like I said, this is a place that I played since 2015, it was my first Tour start I ever played in, so I love it here. Played the U.S. Am here. It's a really special place.

Q. Will, was there ever a point where you were finding the end of Netflix and watching a lot of television and laid up where you thought, my goodness, have I already done what I'm going to do, is this it?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, I mean, part of it I do have some more subscriptions that I didn't have before, that's for sure, but I ended up getting my degree over the summer, so I stayed busy. Once I was able to travel, and in my wife's brilliance when I was sitting in the hospital bed, she asked the doctor, hey, when's he going to be able to travel, and he said about two to three months.

So we did a bunch of bucket list stuff. When you're 27, 28 and don't have kids at home and you've got six months off, you know, we did a bunch of fun stuff, so I stayed busy for sure. My mind was always on my game, for sure. It's been a long, weird year. 2023 was a bad movie, but so far things are progressing nicely.

Q. What did you get your degree in and can you just name one bucket list thing that you did?

WILL ZALATORIS: Yeah, got my degree in psych and then we went to Wimbledon.

