



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: JOHN HUSTON
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MODERATOR: John Huston, 67 in the second round, and at 132, 12-under, you're the leader right now. You told me walking in you only played here once on the PGA TOUR, but given thus far on your Champions Tour career, you should have changed plans a little bit, you're doing very good. Just talk about the round.

JOHN HUSTON: Well, I would have to say it was pretty similar to the first round. I putted really well. I took advantage of most of the good chances that I had. Still haven't driven it all that great, but I think I kind of did the same thing last year and then the last day I drove it really well. So hopefully that will happen again because it would certainly make it a lot easier.

MODERATOR: Just take us through the round if you could.

JOHN HUSTON: Okay. Well, this morning I finished the last three holes, I came out and started out and pitched in from about 30 yards on 16 for an eagle and parred the last two holes, so that was a good finish to that round. Then I think I birdied the first par 5, right?

MODERATOR: Yep.

JOHN HUSTON: I hit a 5-wood, kind of a mud ball, hit a 5-wood in the left fringe and chipped it about two feet, made birdie there. Next par 5 I hit it in the trees and chipped out and I hit a pitching wedge, I believe, to about 12 feet. On the par 3 I hit a 6-iron about a foot away. Let's see.

MODERATOR: 10.

JOHN HUSTON: 10, I hit a lob wedge about 15 feet. 12, I hit a 5-iron about 30 feet, two-putted for birdie.

MODERATOR: 13.

JOHN HUSTON: 13, I drove it in the left rough and hit it fat short of the green, chipped it short and two-putted for a bogey. 18, I hit a pitching wedge about eight feet.

Q. On the 7th you were just inches from the cup?

JOHN HUSTON: Yes, yeah, probably about a foot away there.

Q. Did it have a chance?

JOHN HUSTON: It sounded like it did from the people up at the green. It ended up just right of the hole.

Q. Did you have a score in mind in terms of where you wanted to be at the end of the day knowing what you did last year?

JOHN HUSTON: No, I think you just try to keep going forward. If you hit a bad shot, try not to -- try to minimize the damage. There's enough -- as good as the greens are and them being soft, if you're driving it in the fairway, you're going to have a lot of good birdie chances.

Q. Can you talk a little about starting off and the course, the way it dried out? And secondly, last year compared to where you are this year as far as confidence?

JOHN HUSTON: A little bit, but I think I was hitting the ball a little bit better last year and putting better this year, so it's kind of a similar score. But yeah, the course -- the fairways were actually fairly dry, but they were just dry enough to where if you did get mud on your ball, it stuck to the ball, which makes it pretty difficult. I didn't hit that many fairways, so I didn't...

Q. To expand what Roger said regarding last year, in light of your victory last year going into tomorrow's final round figuring you're at or close to the lead there, a little more confidence?

JOHN HUSTON: I think, yeah, it's a similar feeling. Anytime you're near the lead, you're feeling like you should have a chance. You just try to, you know, keep it -- keep the momentum that you have going and not really think about winning. There's a long ways to go. Like last week, I think was it David Peoples that had a lead and played a good last round but he got -- you know, Langer shot an incredible round. That's definitely possible here. Somebody could come out of the pack and shoot 62 and post a real low score.

Q. How difficult was it to shoot -- play three, go in and then come back? Did you go to the driving range, or what did you do?

JOHN HUSTON: No, we had a pretty long break, we had a little over two hours, so I went to Panera Bread and came back and went to the driving range after that.

Q. Was it difficult?

JOHN HUSTON: No, no, I think we've all done it enough times. I'm glad that I didn't have 15 or 16 holes this morning and then have to wait two hours and go back and play another 18, but there's a lot of guys that did.

MODERATOR: Anything else? John, good luck tomorrow.

Q. One more. I was going to ask you why in your opinion you think you play well here on this course? What is it about this course that suits the way you play?

JOHN HUSTON: Well, I think part of it, if I do drive it in the fairway, the par 5s do have some length to them and fortunately I can still get to the par 5s, where there are some guys that probably can't get to the par 5s at this course. I don't know if that's part of it. Sometimes it just works out that way.