

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: JOE DURANT
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Q Joe, as of now, in the lead, kind of mentality you have in that final day on top of the leaderboard.

JOE DURANT: As you can see by the leaderboard it's really bunched up, so someone is going to come out and shoot a good round and it's going to take a good round for many of us tomorrow to have a chance to win. But you just play the first two to put yourself in position and I'm looking forward to tomorrow.

Q What was clicking for you today out there?

JOE DURANT: You know what, honestly I got off to a terrible start. I missed two of the first three greens, bogeyed the first hole. I think just stayed patient more than anything. I just didn't get flustered and just kept trying to give myself opportunities. And I played real good on the back nine, had four birdies, no bogeys on the back. And I think you just have to stay very patient with the golf course.

Q When you finish as well as you did, does that have a tendency to carry you over sometimes or --

JOE DURANT: You hope it does. Yeah, you know, again it's just one of those things where you can hit some good tee shots here at Wakonda and it just might funnel off the rough a little bit, then it's hard to control your distance on the second shot. So I think just staying in the moment and staying real patient is important. But, yeah, any time you finish good you really do hope it carries over the next day.

Q I see you're using the Srixon yellow ball.

JOE DURANT: I've been using them for a couple years now. I see it better, it goes a little better in the wind for me. I like it. I don't think I could go back to white ball to be honest with you.

Q Really?

JOE DURANT: Yeah, I'm used to seeing that now, so --

Q Wish you would have played it on tour all those years?

JOE DURANT: Maybe, you never know, yeah.

Q When you say you can see it, the flight of the ball?

JOE DURANT: Everything. If you have three balls on the green I can tell immediately which

one's mine. It glows that much. So, you know, in low light conditions when you play early some days when there's haze in the air, you can really see it better.

Q Has anyone needed you about that, non-traditional golf ball?

JOE DURANT: No. I remember Jerry Pate's from my hometown and Jerry used to play the orange Pro Staff way back when, so it's been around for a while. I think now some of the girls are playing different colored balls on the ladies' tour and I think, you know, as we all get older and our eyesight gets worse I think it helps. Really do.

Q Joe, birdies your last four holes. Do you remember 13?

JOE DURANT: 13, I hit driver, 3 hybrid on the green about 15 feet and 2-putted. 15, I hit a driver, 3-wood into the front right bunker, had like a 30-yard bunker shot, might have been the best shot I hit today. I hit a real good bunker shot to eight feet and made that. 16, I hit 5-wood, pitching wedge, to about 10 feet, made that. 18, hit driver, 60-degree wedge to six feet, five feet, whatever it was.

Q How about 5?

JOE DURANT: Five, driver 3-wood middle of the green and 2-putt birdie.

Q How far?

JOE DURANT: Probably 35 feet or so.

Q Then what happened on 1?

JOE DURANT: 1, I skanked my tee shot and skanked my second shot too, really bad shots out of the chute, and my chip missed the green too. I missed the green with my chip, I hit it through the green and made just a terrible five to start the day, but that might have woken me up a little bit, made me pay attention because it was one of those things where on the range today I was actually hitting it great, most solid I've hit it all week. Then I get on the first one and it was like what happened, where did it go?

Q Early in your career didn't you play in the Waterloo Open here in Iowa?

JOE DURANT: No, I never played that, always thought about playing. I played some of the state opens like Kansas, Oklahoma, never did play Waterloo though.