ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: JOEY SINDELAR

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JOEY SINDELAR: You know, I felt pretty darn good about it. It was a lot of decent shots, a couple stinkers. But something was going on because the scores are not their traditional very, very low. I think is 4-under still the lead?

Q. 6.

JOEY SINDELAR: 6, and beyond that?

Q. I think it's 4 after that.

JOEY SINDELAR: Yeah, so that's a bit of a surprise. So that tells me that the guys -- because we only know what's going on ourselves and in our group, you look up and you see that the scores are not vastly under par, and so you know the guys are either having trouble hitting the fairways or making putts, one or the other. So it will be interesting to see. I hit a lot of good shots for 1-under. One silly mistake on 10 and one other bogey, so it was a decent day.

Q. It's weird because like Jesper had 6-under and seemed like the back nine was giving people trouble. What was maybe different about it for the first round?

JOEY SINDELAR: Well, the back nine is the bigger challenge. Only one par 5, a couple of pretty stout par 4s, and the pins were such that if you got in the wrong rough, the opposite rough, you know, if you were in the left rough to the back left pin, you couldn't get anywhere near it and you were putting up and over stuff. It's nice, it's nice when the golf course has a little teeth, the greens get a little firmer. I think it's the way we all prefer, we were just a little surprised.

Q. What did you think of the course today?

JOEY SINDELAR: Beautiful. The course is great. I don't know how fairways can get better than these fairways. The attention to detail is outstanding. Anybody who had a problem out there was owner-operator problem, it was not a golf course problem. The course is great.

Q. When I saw you at the Shopping with Joey event a few months ago, you described your play here as a train wreck; your words, not mine. What do you think has been the difference so far between train wreck last year and pretty good round this year so far?

JOEY SINDELAR: Well, you know, it's just been such a long process for me trying to learn this new golf swing, and then now that I claim to have it, to try to get stronger with it without reinjuring the back. It's just been a bit of a complication. It's kind of like as I get stronger, I

get a little out of synch, and then it hurts and then I have to back off. It's just kind of this little bit of a dance that I've got going, and it's taking a very long time and I'm 57 now, so I wish it would hurry up.

Q. You had a little bit of momentum on 9 and then 10 you had the double bogey and you were even the rest of the way. How did you kind of rally after 10?

JOEY SINDELAR: Well, you know, if we don't know by now the lesson that you've got to keep plugging. We're very old people playing golf after a very long time. You just have to keep going. Again, we noticed that the scores were not great. I was still 1-under, I felt good about the way I was playing, and you never know what's going to happen. The bad might continue or the good might show up and you don't know, so you keep hitting your head against the wall and hopefully ...