ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: DEREK FATHAUER

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MODERATOR: Derek Fathauer, thanks for joining us for a few minutes. Obviously off to a great start 65-66-66 gets you to 16 under, 54-hole leader by one. Just some comments on the week so far.

DEREK FATHAUER: I've just been going out trying to have fun and I really enjoyed my first two rounds with Harold and Luke List, we had a lot of fun out there, and today also had a great day. Keeping the mood light, not really too worried about golf. I'm just trying to have fun, trying to enjoy myself instead of focusing so much on the outcome of whether it be score, each shot or whatever. I'm just trying to enjoy myself out here and so far so good this week.

MODERATOR: What's really been clicking for you as far as a particular part of your game that you're most satisfied with?

DEREK FATHAUER: Not really. I'm driving the ball better than I have the last year or so. Kind of switched to a little different driver last week and just been driving it better, and with that brought a lot of confidence hitting my irons well and making a few putts.

Q. How does your approach change for tomorrow being that guy with a target on your back?

DEREK FATHAUER: The scores that this course puts up, I don't think it matters being in the lead out here. I mean, if I had a 10-shot lead, that would be one thing, but one shot, that's an even playing field tomorrow. I think if I just go out and do what I came here to do, I'd like to see where it puts me at the end of the day because if I just stick to my plan, I'll be happy no matter what happens.

Q. Some guys told they were (inaudible) suspension of play. How did you keep up the (inaudible)?

DEREK FATHAUER: I just had lunch and stretched and hit a couple balls. It wasn't that long of a delay, I think maybe an hour. It wasn't too bad.

Q. You had the chance to make birdie on the first nine holes then and you (inaudible) through the back nine?

DEREK FATHAUER: Yeah, I kind of picked up where I left off when I came back from the rain delay. I birdied the par 5 and hit a couple more good shots. Didn't make any more birdies after that, but just kept hitting it well.

Q. What's worked for you the last couple weeks? Do you think about taking a break?

DEREK FATHAUER: I was thinking about taking a break but I just tried to -- the week before Jackson I just kind of took the entire week off at home and actually went to my parents' house. Relaxed, didn't golf, kind of just got away. Sort of something clicked, I think. Tried to change my mindset instead of being so caught up in the outcome of the golf, like I'm lucky to do this for a living, I need to enjoy it, I don't need to take it so serious. That's kind of the mindset I've had the last two weeks and it's kind of working.

MODERATOR: Have you always had that, been able to embrace that kind of casual, relaxed, whatever's going to happen's going to happen mentality or were you ever more of a grinder and found that that kind of got in your way?

DEREK FATHAUER: Well, with anything other than golf, whatever happens happens. That's kind of how I look at things. I don't know where I went wrong with the golf and got too caught up in it and just wasn't having fun the last year or so. It was time for a change and last week was the time to change and I did it. So hopefully stick with it and just keep having fun.

Q. How motivated are you with the streak of first-time winners, Web.com winners?

DEREK FATHAUER: I would love to do it again but that's later, that's tomorrow afternoon. I'll just go do my best tomorrow and see where that puts me.