

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW: BUBBA WATSON
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Q. Can you talk about exactly, I think you got in for Jason Day, correct?

BUBBA WATSON: Right.

Q. When did you find out and did you have other plans this week?

BUBBA WATSON: They called me, I don't know, a week ago roughly I guess. I'm not sure, a week ago. I canceled out because with all the adoption stuff we didn't have any paperwork to get Dakota here and I didn't want to miss two weeks in a row with my kids again. You know, when I go to China, I go to Japan as well so I missed two weeks there. So I didn't want to be almost back-to-back two weeks missing my kids. So I said but call me. I really want to play but call me and we're going to work on our paperwork to see. So if somebody does back out, let me know and then I would let you know where we're at in our paperwork, right? So Angie went to Tucson and she did one of those same-day passport deals, so we got it because we were waiting on our paperwork from California so we could prove that she's our daughter. So it was just a bunch of paperwork, just things that we had to do, right, just to make sure that everything was legal and we could come over here because I didn't want to leave the family again for two weeks. Angie's not going to come over without Dakota, right, so that was our reasoning behind it all.

Q. So paperwork got worked out and all the kids are here?

BUBBA WATSON: Yeah, we're here legally. We came from (inaudible) the paperwork, so we could take that paperwork to the, you know, the passport office in Tucson. And so Angie drove over there for about eight hours to get the passport.

Q. Is it Thailand next week?

BUBBA WATSON: I leave Sunday night to go to Thailand, yeah.

Q. Is that second, third year in a row?

BUBBA WATSON: Fourth year, yeah.

Q. You like that one?

BUBBA WATSON: Yeah, I like it. Again, I became friends with the guy who puts the tournament on and became friends with his family over here in the States. They travel over here, they just love the game of golf and so they decided to put a tournament on in Thailand. So after meeting him and talking to him, he said, Would you want to play in my tournament? I said, Yeah, why wouldn't I? So we became friends. You know, I play in a lot of

tournaments because we're friends with the people that put it on or the sponsors that put it on, and so that's why I go over there and I love it over there. They treat us with a lot of respect.

Q. Can you talk about your round? Kind of eventful today.

BUBBA WATSON: Yeah. You know, this course is better than I am, but today showed how I beat it. Yesterday when I played it for the first time, the wind was a little different direction and I told Teddy, I said Teddy, I said I don't know if I can play this course, it's really, really hard. Today the wind was a little softer so it made it a little bit easier. But like there's a few holes, there's about four holes that are for me and my mind ridiculous. I don't know how to play it yet, so those are the holes that I played over par. And then the other ones, I got lucky today. I made a long putt on 9 for eagle after seeing Rickie's putt, so I made a few putts today that helped my round going. Made a dumb bogey and then birdied the next three holes so that helped out a lot.

Q. How long was the eagle putt?

BUBBA WATSON: I would like to say 30 feet maybe on 9, 35 feet, somewhere in there. And then after the double bogey on, what was that, 12, I knocked it close, made about a 15-footer and then I drove the green, and the par 5 I hit an 8-iron into it and two-putted. So three birdies in a row after the double bogey.

Q. The holes that you talk about, are they just the tee shot or is it just the whole --

BUBBA WATSON: These are the smallest greens I've ever played. Then you go to No. 12, I don't know where to hit it. I'm trying to hit a 5-iron in there with a cut, but if I flare it, it's in the water. So at the last minute I get scared and I pull it. No. 18 right here, for me I don't see any fairway because I see water and my shot is a cut, right, so I see water all down the left, so I pulled it, hit my 2-iron into the bunker today and had to lay up and made bogey. I don't see the green on No. 2, I don't see where to hit the green because the green's so narrow and tight. Obviously I'm a good player so I can score on certain days, but for me personally it's a very difficult little golf course. Beautiful golf course, beautiful property, it's just a very tough golf course for me. Same thing as Hilton Head. I think Hilton Head is one of the greatest golf courses but the small greens, me trying to play the golf courses is just very difficult so that's why I haven't been back. I don't want to miss another cut.

Q. Kapalua and then where?

BUBBA WATSON: As of right now it's Kapalua and Waste Management.