



Q. John, maybe just some opening comments on the golf course, first time here in a couple decades.

JOHN DALY: Yeah, it's been a while. It looks like they added a few tees since I've played here last. But the golf course is in good shape. Anxious to get going.

Q. Do you have any memories from your previous trip here in '92 when you won the BC Open?

JOHN DALY: Yeah, I think it's probably the last time I beat Phil Mickelson. I beat him by six shots here. I still think he's mad at me for that because I never saw the driving range that week. It was so cold and it was when I just signed a really nice deal with Wilson with Mike Bolan (sp) and we just sat in the clubhouse before I teed off and everybody's coming in freezing with ice on the bottom of their shoes. I said, What's wrong, guys? I had some hot chocolate, went out there and just lucky and won.

Q. I saw you make a couple putts out there. How's your game going?

JOHN DALY: It's awful right now. It's not good. I've been hitting the driver pretty good. For me, what's cool about this tour, I'm hitting a lot more wedges. I'm just not used to it being on the regular tour, so I've just got to get my wedge game in better shape. Working on it, coming around.

Q. You're certainly known for hitting a nice tee ball out there with the driver. Obviously this course is a little bit narrow. Do you think you have it in you to kind of conquer the tee box and leave yourself not much work around the green?

JOHN DALY: Well, I mean it's a short course, it's not every hole I can hit driver on, but the par 5s are -- except for 8, 8's a very tough hole to hit. You can land in the middle of the fairway and it kind of filters to the right in the rough. But for me all the par 5s are reachable, it's just a matter of keeping it in play and hit some irons on a few of the other holes and just kind of -- strategically play it. But it's a golf course that the scores are going to be really low.

Q. Is it a different feeling when you come back to a course where you've had success before when you've won? Is it maybe easier on the mental side or do you have just a little bit of extra confidence knowing that you were successful on this course in the past?

JOHN DALY: Well, it was so funny. When I came here in '92, me and Fuzzy Zoeller and Paul Azinger and a couple other pros did a thing for Boys & Girls Club. I think we used to play this right after Hartford or something like that, and Paul Azinger looked at me and said,

What are you come here for? This course is so tight.

For us it's cool because there's always something to aim at off the tees here. I know there's a lot of trees but I've always been able to -- seems like I can figure out where to aim it at. It gives me great aiming targets to hit off all the tees. When you've got a golf course like that, the course -- a lot of golf courses I play, I don't see that. For me, for some reason the tee ball doesn't concern me as much as the wedge game and the putting right now.

Q. The Champions Tour has been pretty much dominated by Bernhard Langer the last couple years. He's not here this weekend. You and Vijay are probably the biggest names that are going to draw a lot of attention. How do you think the field is shaping up competition wise and do you think you can have a run at the trophy?

JOHN DALY: I'm playing with a guy who's probably putting better than anybody on the Tour tomorrow, Billy Andrade. Michael Allen's always consistent. Guys like the way Billy's been playing, he's making everything right now. He's been putting really, really good. His short game's always been good.

So for me just to go out and kind of hang with him a little bit because I know he's going to play good, he's kind of that rhythm right now of playing really solid golf and I know if I can stay somewhere around him, I know I'm going to play pretty good tomorrow.

Q. A lot of the players on the Champions Tour as they get older focus just on the Champions Tour. You're still kind of floating back and forth between the two. What's the biggest adjustment going from the PGA Tour to the Champions Tour multiple times in a season?

JOHN DALY: I think the courses might be just a little bit longer on the regular tour, but the competitive -- it's a more laid back, a little more laid back tour but we're still competitive as hell. Our top 20 guys against the Tour top 20 guys, I don't think we would beat them but I think our guys would give them a hell of a run for their money. That's how good these guys can still play out here. For me, I'm not used to hitting a lot of wedges into holes anymore and it's nice because that's the way the '90s were, but the Tour, it's only about a quarter of the holes that I can hit wedges in. It's usually getting up to that 6, 5, 7-iron range because the Tour's a lot longer. But competitive wise, these guys are just as competitive as these guys on the regular tour.