PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW: JOHN DALY

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Q. John, did you drive the motor home here or fly here?

JOHN DALY: No, I flew here.

Q. What do you think of the course so far?

JOHN DALY: It's in great shape, it's really in great, great shape.

Q. Billy Andrade thought that this course would really play well to your strengths, being long off the tee here. Do you think that's an advantage after seeing it?

JOHN DALY: No, the greens are tough. There's a lot of -- it's like the greens are hard to hit right now. For me, I'm hitting it so bad that the fairways are very generous but I'm really struggling getting the ball close, and of course I'm putting like a blind man so that's not helping either.

Q. What will you hit across the canyon there? What club will you hit on that hole?

JOHN DALY: Hit 3-wood there and knocked it just, what, pin high left? In the afternoon, the green's not going to hold anything, so it's going to be very difficult to try and go for it. Early in the morning, you have some condensation, some dew on the greens, it might soften them up, but that's not a good play, probably not the smartest play in the afternoon.

Q. Are you tired or how are you feeling?

JOHN DALY: A little jet lagged today but it wasn't too bad. It was nice, we went Prague, Amsterdam, Amsterdam, straight here.

Q. You had some nice rounds. Do you feel high confidence coming out of there?

JOHN DALY: Yeah, I just -- it was a golf course that, you know, it was a lot harder -- it was a lot easier than this and I just didn't, I didn't really play that great. I didn't play bad, but I just didn't score well. That's the frustrating thing I'm doing, when I hit it good, I don't really score well and you grind it out to shoot even par, and out here you shoot even par, you're getting lapped. I'm going through one of those stages where nothing's really going that great, just got to try and fight through it.

Q. Did you do some placekicking at the Seahawks yesterday? You were a high school placekicker?

JOHN DALY: No, I didn't get a chance to kick any. We did the chip off. It was a beautiful facility. I got to talk to Coach Carroll. I haven't seen him in a while since USC kicked the living you-know-what out of the Razorbacks. Beat us like 70-3 or 70-7 or something.

Q. You going to go to the game tonight?

JOHN DALY: No, no. I was planning on it but I'm a Cowboy fan. I love the Cowboys. I call Jerry Jones dad. But I don't think I'm going to make it tonight.

Q. A lot of guys have talked about finding a rebirth out on this tour. Have you found that, is there any feelings like that?

JOHN DALY: Yeah, of course. Now I have a nice schedule to play for a few years, but the frustrating part for me is when you're not playing good, it doesn't make it as much fun as it should be, you know? Right now for me, my game is not where I want it, so it's more of a grind and it's very hard to enjoy it as much as guys that are playing really good out here. They come in, they're playing really good, they've got confidence. I'm just coming in trying to find it, you know.

Q. One good round on Friday, that could probably change your whole outlook though, right?

JOHN DALY: Well, it always takes one good round, it really does, and I'm looking for that one good round. I just haven't seen it out here yet.

Q. Life is pretty nice without a cut, though?

JOHN DALY: Oh, it's always great, it's always good. Knowing you've got your plans arranged, that's one great thing about this tour. Only a couple of the majors you have cuts, but it's great schedule wise, planning wise, it's awesome.

Q. Tell us about the reactions from the fans. How are people receiving you when you're out here? I'm assuming very well?

JOHN DALY: Oh, it's been great. They're getting a lot of fans out. But like I said, it's tough when you're not playing good. It's a struggle, it's a grind. You know, we all want to play great golf and good golf, but I'm not even playing really good golf out here yet, not even close to playing great like Bernhard and some of the other guys are playing. I've just got to get, like I said, just one good round, or what I really need is a great putting round which I haven't had in forever. The greens are absolutely perfect here. Guys are going to make a lot of putts, but for me I've just got to have something that just goes well that -- you know, it's been a grind.

Q. The motor home, is it going to be parked someplace around here?

JOHN DALY: Yeah, I've got it, it's a couple miles from the course.

Q. But fans can't go over and buy merchandise?

JOHN DALY: Oh, no, no. We only usually do it at Augusta, pretty much the only week that we do the merchandise. The website does really well, so yeah, Augusta's a great week for us.