

Round 1 Interview:
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DUSTIN JOHNSON (-1)



Q. Dustin, (inaudible) hitting the ball the way you did compared to (inaudible)?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Well, I don't feel like I putted bad, I just -- just nothing went in the hole I missed a lot of very, very short putts. You know, that's how it goes. The greens are a little tricky. I felt like I hit the ball really well, though. I scored poorly. I missed five putts inside four, five feet. That's the difference between playing a really good round and just playing an okay round.

Q. Were you surprised what happened on 1 (inaudible)?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean, it was supposed to be a little into the wind but I kind of pulled it. But I never thought I needed to tell it to get down but that's just how it goes, I guess.

Q. What did you think of Rory, his first time back?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Well, I played with Rory on Saturday, last Saturday, so it wasn't -- it didn't seem like he missed a beat. I played with him on Saturday, he was hitting it fine, hitting it really good. We had a nice match.

Q. (Inaudible)

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, I did not, thank goodness. Knock on wood.

Q. Is it still tricky to figure out the yardage?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I mean, today I didn't have any really, no problems today so I feel like I got a pretty good bead on it, you know, calculating the yardage. I hit a lot of really good iron shots. You know, I'm happy with the way I hit it and the way I judged the distance. I thought I controlled the ball very well. Just need to make a few putts tomorrow, that's all.

Q. Did anything surprise you out there, other than 1?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean but 1's not a real surprise. I kind of pull ripped a 3-wood. I'm trying to hit it like just a little bleeder and it kind of pulled straight ball. But no, no surprises really. I thought maybe some of the greens, they were a little bit, a little bit inconsistent with the bounces. I hit a couple shots that I thought were really good that would take a big hop and then you hit a 4-iron and it spins back. It was kind of tough to judge the way the ball's going to bounce.

Q. What will you do different tomorrow?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Nothing. I mean, I'll probably hit a 2-iron, I don't know if I'm going to hit a 3-wood because my second shot I hit a 2-iron and hit it in the green-side bunker so I guess I hit the wrong club.

Q. How many drivers did you hit today?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Not many. I hit one on the back and maybe two on the front, three drivers maybe. I hit on 2, I hit on 8 -- I hit four drivers. That's about as many as I'll hit, though.