



CANDACE REINHEIMER: We have our World No. 1 Dustin Johnson in the interview room, champion of the 2017 WGC-Mexico Championship.

Dustin, this is your second win at this event and your fourth World Golf Championship win overall, only Tiger has matched that feat. Your thoughts on that accomplishment as well as the week overall?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I like World Golf Championships. Yeah, I mean obviously this is a great week. I felt like even the first round was, I struggled a little bit on the greens but I really hit the ball well and I didn't feel like I was putting bad, but then obviously I played really well the last three rounds. I just hit it really good. I still missed a lot of putts, but I think everybody was struggling on the greens, they were really tricky, tough to read.

But got off to a great start today on the front nine and then really didn't feel like I hit any bad shots on the back and didn't hit one bad shot on 12 and made bogey. Hit it right down the middle, hit a good wedge, landed it right next to the flag and three-putted. Felt like I hit all three of those putts good.

And then on 13 I hit another good shot that ended up going in the bunker, which was a really tough up-and-down, so I made those two bogeys. Those are really the only two mistakes I made all day. But coming down the stretch I made a great up-and-down on 15 out of the sand trap just short left and then a good two-putt on 16. And then probably the best shot I hit all week, especially under the circumstances, was that second shot on 18 was a fantastic shot, probably the best one I hit all week.

Q. What was it?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: 54, 127 which was just kind of a dink on a three-quarter, a three-quarter shot out of the bunker, which is never fun, but caught it just right.

Q. A three-quarter dink or a dink?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: A dink, whatever you want to call it.

Q. Dustin, when you make the turn finishing the way you did with a four-shot lead and you look up and all of a sudden you're tied and one behind, how do you deal with that and stay with a game that had been good all week?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Like I said, I didn't feel I hit any bad shots there when I made those two bogeys. I knew I just had to continue to play golf. I knew I was going to have to -- you've got to birdie 15 and then obviously 16, 17, 18, just depended on what I needed

to do. 16's kind of a tough green, if you can -- you can hit a good shot in there but it's tough to get it close to the hole. But 15 was really the only hole, I knew I had to birdie 15 if I wanted to win.

Q. Does it shock you at all to have the lead gone like that?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, around this golf course, anything can happen. Every hole is kind of a birdie hole. It just all depends on who's rolling in the putts. But it's not like -- every hole's a birdie hole, especially from about, you know, you make the turn even though the back nine, probably -- I did throw away three shots there on 11, 12 and 13 and didn't get up and down on 11, which is a fairly easy up-and-down, and then bogeying 12 and 13. Those were kind of the only real mistakes I made today.

Q. Dustin, 2014 was Rory's year, 2015 was obviously Jordan and Jason, and then last year was a little bit you. Do you feel like 2017 is your year, you can stay at the top of the rankings the rest of the year and dominate?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, well, 2016 I think was my year. I was Player of the Year, so I think that worked pretty well. But yeah, I mean, this year there's a lot of guys playing really well. Matsuyama's playing really well. Justin Thomas is playing really well, he's won three times already this year so I've got a little bit of catching up to do. I feel like my game's in very good shape. Starting the beginning of last year really has felt really solid and it hasn't really let up any. I've got a lot of confidence in the game. I feel like I'm controlling my ball very well and I feel like my driver's -- you know, I'm starting to driver a little straighter, which if I can drive it straight I'm going to play well every week.

Q. Dustin, others who have preceded you to No. 1 have talked about feeling sort of worn out by the extra attention. Granted, you only had a week of it, but do you see at all what they mean? Do you see yourself struggling with it at all?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Not right now, I don't, but ask me in a couple weeks or however long it is. Hopefully it lasts for longer than that, but I don't mind the extra attention, it's okay. It's why I play the game, it's why I'm here. If that means I get extra attention from all you guys, that's just fine with me.

Q. Dustin, two questions, what's your schedule coming up?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I'm going to play Match Play, Houston and Augusta.

Q. Secondly, you've talked ever since Thursday about I think you referred to the goalie on the greens yesterday. Do you ever get frustrated on the golf course? You're hitting it as well as you are and you're not getting the score that probably think you should get?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, it's frustrating, but I'm not the only one struggling out there.

Everyone's struggling, the greens are just very tricky. I know I've just got to stay patient. Eventually I'm going to make something. I know I'm hitting it really well so I know I'm going to continue to have looks. That's kind of how I just, you know, I stayed really patient and tried not to get frustrated.

Q. Two quickies going back to that bunker shot on 18. Much of it being a dink wedge, can you describe the level of difficulty of the shot?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean, it was very difficult just because I was standing out of the bunker, ball was below my feet and I'm hitting a three-quarter sand wedge out of a bunker, which is never easy. The more loft you have hitting full shots, gets harder to hit them. You know, especially even with the ball below my feet in kind of a funky stance, it made it even more difficult. But yeah, it was a very challenging shot and like I was saying it's probably the best shot I hit all week.

Q. Secondly, you mentioned last year. How would you describe your level of play right now versus last year?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I think it's really similar. I felt like the game, you know, the game's very good right now. All aspects of the game, driving, putting, chipping. The only thing, my bunker game's definitely improved a little bit. I'm going to continue to work hard, continue to try to get better, but I think right now everything's working pretty well.

Q. Dustin, you speak about how you're comfortable with your game and how technically you're playing so well. Has there been any mental change in the last 12 months or so that's triggered this success? Becoming a father. For example, does that make you more relaxed how you feel about golf or if other aspects may come into play?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, obviously my son's two now and he's been around for a couple years. Yeah, obviously being a father's fantastic. Got another one on the way and that's very exciting. Me and Paulina are very excited about that. Everybody's healthy and so right now, couldn't be happier.

Q. Does that change your priorities, make golf easier in a way?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean, I've never really struggled with getting away from golf, but yeah, it definitely helps. Having kids, you know, you don't really -- my priorities is him right now and then Paulina and the new one on the way. Golf kind of, before having a son, golf would have been my No. 1 priority where now he is. Yeah, I still focus really hard on golf and work my butt off.

Q. Dustin, you now have more WGC wins than anybody but Tiger. Think you can catch him?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: He's got a lot, but yeah, I'm going to try.

Q. What is your definition of success?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I don't know even know. Winning, obviously winning is for sure. Seeing the things you're doing working I think is success. Yeah, on the golf course, winning, absolutely.

Q. You may have already addressed this earlier in the week but have you played at altitude like this before?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, never this high.

Q. And how much did that factor in with your preparation and did you play mostly by feel or --

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, it was pretty spot on. I had it figured out where a full shot was 15 percent. It worked every time on the range, it was pretty much spot on. I'm a TrackMan so I was tracking the balls and full shots was 15 percent and then kind of half shots or three-quarter shots were 10 percent. It was pretty -- and it was consistent the whole week, spot on every time. So that's how I went, that's how I did all my numbers and I felt like I controlled the ball very well.

Q. When you're at this stage, can you not wait to tee it up next? I know you're taking some time off, but when you show up at a tournament, is your kind of excitement level greater when you're playing this well?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean, obviously when you're playing well you want to continue to play. Right now I'm playing well, but I'll take a few days off and get back to practicing again, get ready for Match Play, Houston and Augusta, so I've got three big tournaments coming up.

Q. What do you do during your time off besides make videos?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I don't make those, Paulina does. I just get roped into doing them. It's a lot easier to say yes than no.

Q. First of all, congratulations, man. How are you going to celebrate this big win here in Mexico?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I'm going to go take a shower when I'm done here and then I'm going to get on the plane and fly back to Florida. Then I'll celebrate with Paulina when I get home, probably eat some cake or something.

Q. What is the next step of the Dustin Johnson on the PGA Tour?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Sorry?

Q. What's the next tournament for Dustin, PGA Tour?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I'm playing the Match Play in two weeks or three weeks, I guess.

Q. Curious what kind of goals you set for yourself this year?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I mean, same I always have. I try to put myself in a position to win every golf tournament, whatever that means. Each week I go out I'm prepared to win and I want to just give myself a chance to win when I turn to the back nine on Sunday.

Q. You don't put a number on it or anything like that?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: How many? (Shakes head.) I try to win every tournament.

Q. You're two for seven this year.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I guess. I don't know, I don't keep track. I know I won twice, though. I don't keep track of the losses.

MODERATOR: Thank you, Dustin, and congratulations.