

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW: JOEY SINDELAR**  
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**Q. Joey, welcome back, welcome home. How's it feel to once again be playing your hometown course, hometown tournament?**

**JOEY SINDELAR:** Yeah, fun. I haven't been on the course yet but I've had at least a half a dozen guys come up and say this course is just nothing like what it was in the old days, it's magnificent. Not that it was bad before, but this is literally one of the best we have now for the condition. They're loving being here. They love the atmosphere, they love the way the people of this area love this, and you know me, just an hour up the road, it feels like home to me, so very happy to be here.

**Q. What does all that praise for the Southern Tier as a native of the area, what's that do for you to just kind of make -- you can kind of feel like in a way they're kind of complimenting you?**

**JOEY SINDELAR:** Well, I don't know if it's me. I think what I love, like last night at the pairings party, two or three or four different groups of people, and these are people from the mountains of Utah, from California and from really notably cool places that said, "We went to Corning and did the Glass Works, we did the gorge, we might go to MacKenzie-Childs. They're having a great time here in a place we all like so much, so that makes me very happy.

**Q. Before getting into business, what's it like to play with some of the amateurs here, have kind of a fun round of golf while you're still kind of maybe --**

**JOEY SINDELAR:** Yeah, always fun. These are the people who make our world. They're the ones who want to know why the driver's the best driver or which golf ball to use and how in the world are we supposed to be swinging. And of course we don't know the answer to those questions, so we fight that battle every day. But it's a fun day for us to have fun, to get to know some cool people, and it's our practice round for the tournament. I'll play two pro-ams, so I'll get two practice rounds and be very ready for the golf course.

**Q. How's your game looking so far this year and what do you expect to do here this weekend?**

**JOEY SINDELAR:** Yeah, so so far this year I'm stuck in neutral so far. Nothing's been bad, but at the same time the fire didn't light yet. So I've got nine or 10 tournaments left and just going to bust my rear end and do the best I can. It feels like it could work.

**Q. In your experience with these pro-ams, what's the one tip that most amateur golfers need help with or find to be easier to say maybe try this out there?**

**JOEY SINDELAR:** Well, you know, the difficulty with one single tip is these are all people and people all need different things. For most of the people, it's just relax. For instance, one of my favorite stories to tell is that amateurs, I'll see them on the edge of the green ready to chip from two steps off the green on this very tight, beautiful grass and I can see the sweat rolling down their brow. It's like, "What do you think about putting it?" They go, "Yeah, yeah, I'd love to putt that," but I think they think, "I'm with the pro, I'm off the green, I should be chipping." Well, one rule about golf is you shouldn't do anything except do what you do best. If you putt from 10 yards off the green, then when you're playing with me, then you had better putt from 10 yards off the green. I want you to do what's best. I just want them to relax and have fun and do what they do. If we post a score, great. If not, hopefully we've laughed along the way.

**Q. Are you a big Bon Jovi fan?**

**JOEY SINDELAR:** How can you not be a fan, let me say that. In my musical genre, he doesn't own 40 slots, but that doesn't mean anything except I haven't drifted there yet. The concert, I've missed some beauties here because being an hour away and the concert going late and stuff, I don't know if I'm going to make it this year. With friends in town and people to do stuff with, I might not be able to make it, which is probably going to be the biggest mistake I make this week, at least off the golf course.

**Q. In terms of you said your game's kind of stuck in neutral, is this an event that you think could kind of kick it in gear and what would it take to do that?**

**JOEY SINDELAR:** Well, you know, it's funny, sometimes you do well at places you think you can do well and sometimes you totally surprise yourself. I have an odd history that our Ohio State team won the NCAAs in North Carolina, my first win was in North Carolina, and my last regular Tour win was in North Carolina, and I don't even like the grass down there. It's bermudagrass and I don't do very well on bermudagrass, but there's three of the huge parts of my golfing life that happened there. So I love the people, I love everything that's there except maybe the grass, so you don't know.

I've had great success here, a couple of wins in the old days and at least a handful of closies. We're all out here, it's a maintenance project for us. We mosey in and out of where we want to be and we're always working on it and trying to tighten it up and that's the process I'm in right now.