

DUSTIN JOHNSON (-2)

Q. How do you assess your round out there, Dustin?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I thought it was pretty good. I played really solid, obviously no bogeys. You know, had a lot of good looks at birdies, hit great putts. I kept leaving everything a little short, just had trouble getting it to the hole. But other than that, I mean didn't drive it great but never really got in a lot of trouble off the tee, just barely in the rough or I was able to knock it on the green from out of the rough. So I mean overall it was pretty solid.

Q. The greens a little slower than you're used to here?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Maybe. I mean, they're really good. They're perfect, but yeah, I think they're just a touch slower than normal. Like I said, they're really good. I just wasn't hitting it with enough pace today.

Q. You played well on Sunday at the BMW, a continuation coming in here how you've played throughout the Playoffs?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I don't know. I put in a lot of good work here the last few days and I feel like the golf swing's in good form. I have a lot of confidence in it. I feel like I'm rolling it well. So yeah, I mean a little bit continuation obviously with a good solid round there on Sunday at the BMW, but this golf course is completely different, you've got to hit completely different shots. But yeah, I felt like I'm in a good position. I mean, round 1, still got three days left. I feel like this golf course is tough. You shoot under par each day, you're going to have a chance to win there when it comes Sunday.

Q. Dustin, when you assess your year as a whole, how meaningful is it for you to finish up with a big W?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, it would definitely finish the year very nicely. Like I said, the golf game's in good form. I've got a lot of confidence in it and I just want to give myself -- put myself in a position to have a chance to win come Sunday.

Q. When as they say you're in control of your own destiny winning this tournament, how does that play in your mindset?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: It doesn't really. It's like any other week. Every week I come to play, I want to contend. The first three rounds are all about putting yourself in position to have a chance to do that on Sunday. I just need to keep doing what I did today, just I've got a good

game plan for the golf course. I like this course, I've played it enough times now where I feel like I've got a pretty good hang of it. Yeah, need to keep playing solid.

Q. From a scoring opportunity perspective, how would you compare what is now the front nine to the back nine?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I mean, you've still got to play all the holes, so --

Q. In your mind, is the front nine tougher?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: It really doesn't matter. You've still got to play all 18 of them so it doesn't matter which one you tee off on first. This golf course, I guess 14 now is probably one of the tougher holes on the golf course, but every hole out here's tough if you don't drive it in the fairway. It's all about hitting it in the fairway. If you drive it in the fairway, I mean every hole you can get good looks for birdie on, but if you're out of the rough you're going to have a very difficult time just to get on the green.

Q. Was it fun to have fans back after a couple of quiet days here? Was that weird?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, it was very nice the first couple days to practice. Just to have the golf course to yourself to practice, it's definitely a nice touch.

Q. Did today feel more like normal?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, yesterday was, too. There was a lot of people out yesterday, but yeah, today was good crowds out there.