



ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-2)

Q. Start us off with some general comments about how you think you did today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Finished well, so I'll put a smile on my face right now. It was weird, Rickie and Pat got off to a hot start and I was kind of hanging around and felt like I was not doing anything, so Austin and I figured we should just stay patient and try and finish strong.

Q. Can you talk about your finish?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I was kind of hanging around all day hitting decent shots here and there, hitting par 5s in two, two-putting, that kind of style. So it was nice to get up and down on 18 and kind of just hang in there really.

Q. When you've come into this tournament before, you've been just kind of rolling into the place, but this week you come in with a bunch of fanfare so it can be easy for one to think that's a distraction, you're going to come out and fire it into the cheap seats or something, but to come out and have this kind of round, simple, gets the ball rolling, is that basically what you could ask for on a day like this?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, that's what we kind of strive towards, you know, the last two years. I am a local guy, a lot of local support and it did get me a little jittery and excited and it did as well on the first hole. I just reminded myself this is where experience kicks in, just reminded myself of the last two years I always let it get to me and this year I'm trying to let it not get to me and kind of use it as momentum.

Q. Last time I checked the leaderboard I think there were seven of you San Diego folks shooting even or better. What does it say about the quality of guys have going here?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'm sure the fans are definitely pushing us towards those red numbers.

Q. Another former Aztec out there, Spaun, was relishing the aspect of getting to kick your ass. What do you think of that?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, yeah, Spaun and I, we're good buds and yeah, we try and kick each other's ass, I can tell you that much. What did he finish at?

Q. I think it was two.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: On the South?

Q. Yeah, but he also says he was impressed with your year.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I mean, he's one of the guys I knew coming out and it was nice. Being a rookie, both of us were rookies, we didn't really know who everyone was so we kind of hung out together and played practice rounds together, so it definitely made us feel more comfortable.