

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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DUSTIN JOHNSON -11

Q. 36 holes, you have yet to make a bogey. How have you been able to play so well here?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I just hit a lot of fairways, hit a lot of greens. My speed has been pretty good with the putter. The greens were really tricky, and I had some really tough flights today. But I have just done a really good job with controlling my distance with my irons and giving myself a lot of looks at birdies.

Q. I remember a couple years ago when you won, you said you really liked the golf course, but you had only seen it that one week. Here you are playing again. What is it about this venue that suits your game so well?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I just enjoy playing this kind of golf. It makes you focus. You got to think. And you're doing a lot of calculations with the numbers and trying to figure out how far the ball is going to actually go. So, I enjoy it. And, yeah, I like this golf course. It does set up well for me. It's pretty narrow, but it's treeline, so I do like that.

Q. Put on a show so far. Good luck over the weekend. Thanks, Dustin.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Thank you.

Q. What about this place that you like?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I like the golf course. It sets up well for me. If you drive it well, you can make a lot of birdies, but if you get out of position it's definitely difficult. The trees, it's pretty narrow around here. And you don't get too many windows if you hit it in the trees. But I enjoy playing this course. I feel like I got a pretty good control over my ball right now, as far as the distance. It's definitely a lot different than what we're used to. The balls are going really far. But I got a pretty good beat on it.

Q. You have come in here -- after last week, then all of a sudden you won in Saudi Arabia. Are you ready to sort of start lifting those trophies and wrapping those lips around those trophies?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: We still got a lot of golf to play, but I feel like I'm swinging really well. I got a lot of confidence in the game, so I'm looking forward to this weekend.

Q. No stress today. You don't look like a stressful guy. Good luck tomorrow, DJ.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Thank you.

Q. Most of these tees, are you thinking I'm trying to be aggressive as possible?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, I mean, there's holes you can be aggressive on, which I think I have a very good game plan. I don't really play too aggressive here, actually. But when you can, I will try to be aggressive, try to give myself some good looks at birdie. But it's -- off the tee, I can't really be too aggressive. There's a few holes, 1, 2, 10, 12, but that's about it. The rest of the holes, you kind of just hit it to a certain spot and go from there.

Q. You have got certain numbers. Does the elevation change actually give you like a certain added confidence, oh, I can hit an 8-iron 200 yards, or does it mess with your mind a little more, where you hit them short?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: No, I mean, for me, I don't really -- I don't think about it. I adjust all the numbers down to what it's playing, like I think it's playing at sea level and go from there.

Q. You have a round with no bogeys.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, that's -- that's always good. Hopefully I can keep it up over the weekend.

Q. DJ, (inaudible) the people in Mexico, two years in a row. Do you feel they recognize you and they follow you?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I think we've had very nice crowds the first two rounds. Hopefully it will continue to get better. But the fans have been great. They are very respectful. And they -- I feel like I have a lot of fans here that are cheering for me.

Q. (Inaudible) a chance. Do you feel that way even though you have a two-shot lead?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: What? Oh, no, we still got 36 holes to go. I don't feel like -- I'm in a good position going into the weekend, but it's not -- a two-shot lead is not very much, especially around here. You can make a lot of birdies. But with 36 holes to go, I'm just trying to put myself in a position tomorrow to give me a chance to win on Sunday.

Q. Thanks, DJ.