

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
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**JASON DUFNER (-11)**



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**Q. Congratulations, what a wonderful round of golf, 8-under 63 and it started at the first; you knocked one left of the green, you knock it in for birdie. Take us through the round. There was some great putting as well.**

**JASON DUFNER:** Yeah, I played what I would consider the scorable holes out here really well today. You've got some chances kind of like 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, so I played all those really well and then I threw in some others. Like I said, I pitched in from about 35 yards on the first hole, made the long one from probably 40 feet on 17. So that's kind of what happens on these types of days when you can get into those low 60s is you play the scorable holes well. Throw in a couple pars that you maybe wouldn't make on a day you shoot 70 and you make a pitch and everything kind of meshed together.

**Q. Numbers-wise, it hasn't been a great season for you, but this week you're 10 of 11 scrambling, you're 5th in strokes gained putting as we do this interview. Short game's been really good. Sand saves, you're making those. What clicked this week? Did you find something on the range? Have you been working hard on it, finally getting it together?**

**JASON DUFNER:** Yeah, you know, end of last season at the end of the fall I just started making a lot of changes with everything; swing changes, putting changes, caddie change, equipment change. I'm just kind of getting to that point where I'm kind of settled with everything. Sometimes you make a change and it happens immediately. For me, that wasn't the case, but kind of getting past all those changes and settling into playing some better golf instead of coming to tournaments wondering how I might play or how it might go or is this going to be the right change. Getting to where I feel more comfortable with that and I can just go out play free and play some good golf.

**Q. Last time I was told you shot 63 you won the PGA Championship. That's a good sign going into the weekend.**

**JASON DUFNER:** That would be trending in the right direction, so I'm just thankful to be playing on the weekend. It's kind of been few and far between. See how it goes being in the heat of it on Saturday and Sunday. I've been there before, it's been a while, but I kind of know what to expect. It will be a good challenge to see where I'm at, what I'm doing.

**Q. Jason, in with an 8-under 63 and you're 11 under total. You haven't been there for a while as you were saying down there. Just your thoughts on being back in this event?**

**JASON DUFNER:** Yeah, it's good. I played some good golf here in the past and I like the golf course. I think with it playing a little firm and fast, that's good for me; I can flatten the driver out, chase it out there, get some shorter clubs in. So we'll see. I struggled this year, but I feel like I'm in a better place now the last couple weeks and was looking forward to kind of that Hilton Head stretch through the end of the Playoffs to start playing some good golf. You know, the last two days have been nice.

**Q. Is there an explanation as to why you're in a better place this week than previously?**

**JASON DUFNER:** No, I made a lot of changes since the end of the fall with a lot of different things involving my golf, and sometimes those happen and it happens very quickly, you start playing good. For me, it hasn't been that way. It's kind of been a slower process. You know, I've always kind of believed in it and starting to see some results.

**Q. Jason, when is the last time you put together a round like this where you felt that confident?**

**JASON DUFNER:** Probably two rounds at the Memorial in '17, played pretty good the first two days the year I won. I think it was '17, yeah. We all shoot -- all the guys out here shoot these low scores, sometimes it's at home when you're playing with your buddies, sometimes it's in a pro-am. Today it just happened to be in the second round of the Wells Fargo, so I'll take it and look forward to seeing where I'm at. It's been a while since I've been in the lead or competing for the tournament, but I know what that feels like so it will be a good experience.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**JASON DUFNER:** I pretty much changed everything. This is my fourth caddie of the year so far. I left Chuck Cook, started doing some other things. I started working with Phil Kenyon. I think I'm on my fourth or fifth putter this year, I'm on my fourth or fifth driver, my fourth or fifth golf ball, fourth or fifth lob wedge. I'm trying to find stuff that's going to work.

My window's pretty short on my career, I've probably got three or four more really good years left in me, so I'm not really trying to be mediocre or average. I'm searching for things that are going to make me a better player and that's what I felt I needed to do at the end of the year. I think change can be a good thing. Sometimes it takes a while to find the right fit and that's just kind of where I've been at. I feel really good with everything right now and obviously that shows this week. I felt pretty good last week at Zurich, pretty good at Hilton Head. I really was close to playing well at Hilton Head, had a bad kind of finish on Saturday and Sunday. I'm just going with it, you know.

**Q. Along those lines how would you sort of describe the last, I guess, 12 months golf-wise.**

**JASON DUFNER:** Four. I can do better. By no means do I think that this is the end of me playing good golf. It may have looked like that to some people from the outside for the last 12 months or so, but I feel like I've got a lot of good golf left in me and I'm working hard at it and kind of getting situated.

**Q. When did you kind of realize that you needed to make changes or wanted to make changes?**

**JASON DUFNER:** Just when you feel like you're playing pretty good and you're 100th on the FedExCup points. Probably not where I want to be. For me being out here, being competitive, trying to win tournaments is where I want to be at. I've done everything I ever thought I could do in golf, so I want to take this last window to make the most of it.

**Q. Jason, you've been always even keel your whole career, but how has this stretch tested your patience?**

**JASON DUFNER:** It's been tough. Golf's a tough game. It's a lonely game, it's a frustrating game. There's been times where I felt maybe these changes weren't right, but you've got to believe in it a little bit. When you're missing a lot of cuts and shooting a lot of high scores, sometimes doubt creeps in. I wouldn't say out on a golf course, but after you miss a cut you're down, you're not feeling good and you're wondering. I've kind of battled with it. I've tried to stay patient, and like I said over there, I felt like starting at Hilton Head, that could be a new beginning for me through the Playoffs. I played pretty good the last couple weeks.