

DUSTIN JOHNSON

JOHN BUSH: We'd like to welcome Dustin Johnson into the interview room. Dustin, comes into the week No. 7 in the FedExCup, won earlier this year at the World Golf Championships Mexico Championship. Your 12th straight season with a victory on the PGA TOUR. First of all, Dustin, just talk a little bit about what that longevity means to you to win every season on Tour.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Well, it means a lot. It's very tough to win out here no matter what week it is. Whether it's a major, a FedExCup event, WGC, they're all very difficult to win. So I'm very proud of myself for winning, you know, every year on Tour so far and hopefully I can keep that going.

Being seventh on the FedExCup right now, I'm in a good position. I'd like to get -- move that position up a little bit here in the next few weeks so I can -- I want to get to that No. 1 spot to win that Wyndham Rewards Challenge leading into the Playoffs. I think that's a big deal. Obviously there's a lot of money on the line for that, and can't thank Wyndham enough for that opportunity. Obviously put myself in a really good position going into the FedExCup Playoffs.

JOHN BUSH: And Dustin, now you just came off the course, you saw nine holes this morning, but comment a little bit about the Detroit Golf Club.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I like it. Obviously it's an old Donald Ross course and it's a golf course that's a lot of fun to play. It's not real long, but the greens are very challenging. Off the tee it's not too difficult, but where it plays difficult is going to be on the greens. It's a lot of slope, a lot of different locations on the green. It's all little quadrants and you want to be in the right quadrant. We're going to have a good many wedges, so being able to control the spin, it's going to be difficult to get it close to the hole.

Q. Dustin, I'm curious with a first-year event like this, what are sort of the things you're looking for, like why did you decide to come here and play in Detroit? I know it's only Wednesday, but what's your experience been like so far just with the event and the surrounding areas?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I came here, it fit in the schedule. Generally I take four weeks off leading into The Open Championship, so this year I decided to try something a little bit different just so I can maybe be a little more sharp going into The Open Championship.

I'll take the next two weeks obviously to prepare, I'll go over a little bit early. But this week it's a new tournament. I heard good things about the golf course, and so, yeah, it fit the

schedule. So I'm excited to play. It's a first-time event, first event in Detroit, so it's fun to be a part of it.

So far I've had a great experience. We had a good time yesterday in the 313 Challenge. I think the week got started off really nicely with that yesterday. We had a lot of support out there, a lot of fans. Yeah, it's been good so far.

Q. Dustin, Brooks has spoken in recent weeks about the challenge of maintaining focus outside the majors as well as in the majors. What's the key for you when it comes to that in a long season at a stretch where you're able historically to maintain that level of focus and play?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I mean, it's a challenge every week, every day really, doesn't matter what tournament it is, to stay focused and to go through your process on every shot. You know, but every tournament out here, especially -- I don't play a ton of tournaments, so they're all important. And that's one of the reasons why I don't play a lot is so that, you know, I can focus and know going into the tournament that it's an important tournament and I need to play well.

Q. So I spoke this morning to the CEO of TaylorMade, David Abeles, and he talked about the new Twist Face technology on the driver. Just wondering about how that affects your game, those sort of new technology developments they're coming out with?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: TaylorMade's done a great job every year since I've been out here making -- I feel like they make the best drivers and fairway woods of any company. All the technology they keep coming out with has been great and the drivers have been performing very nicely.

Q. Next coming in here is Gary Woodland. Just wondering what you remember after you won the U.S. Open. Did you have any advice or did you talk to him since he won?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, Gary's a good buddy of mine so I've talked to him. I just saw him this morning. Obviously winning the U.S. Open is a great accomplish, it's a very big deal. Gary's been a good player for a long time and it was just a matter of time before he was going to get one.

Q. You know, you had one major win, you had a close shave a few weeks ago. Are you now focusing on the majors now that you're hitting the prime of your career?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I mean, not necessarily. I focus on whatever week that I'm playing, no matter if it's a major or the Rocket Mortgage Classic here in Detroit. I prepare just like it would be a major. I'm coming in, I want to contend, I want to put myself in a position to win no matter what week it is.

Q. Some of the folks here said they didn't want the setup to be too difficult because they wanted players to come here and gain confidence going into the major to make this an attractive spot. Can you just talk about that opportunity here potentially where you could really tune up your game for that?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I mean, yeah, every week's a good week to tune up your game. It doesn't matter where you play, what course it is, you've got to play well if you want to shoot good scores. For me this week, obviously if I can drive it well and keep it in the fairway so you can control the spin coming into these greens is going to be kind of the difference.

Q. Dustin, so I'm not sure when you got into the city, but have you been able to explore the city yet, and if so, what have been your favorite parts about Detroit?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I got in Monday night, but I haven't -- you know, a lot of times we go to these great cities but we don't really have much time to get out and explore just because I'm working. I spend a lot of time at the golf course, and when I'm not here I'm training at the gym, so I don't get too much time to explore.

Yeah, I mean, so far what I've seen, it's a great city and the people have been fantastic and giving me a lot of support, so I'm glad to be here.

Q. Dustin, was there an adjustment period for you after Oakmont to getting used to the label of a major winner? You won your next start, but did it take a little bit of time for that to settle in?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: I mean, maybe a little bit, like didn't really hit me probably until the next day. But it wasn't anything that was out of the ordinary just because I had been so close and felt like I should have won a few before that, and a few after that. So it wasn't anything -- I didn't feel any different. It was something I felt like I deserved, I earned, so it didn't feel any different.

Q. Can you take us back to that next tournament after winning the U.S. Open? Did you have to totally like forget about winning it and the accomplishment and focus on the next thing?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Honestly, I don't even remember.

Q. Akron.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: It was Akron? And I won there, awesome. I mean that was a long time ago. And then, like you said, Akron, it was before the Olympics so the schedule was all weird, that's probably why I don't remember.

Q. So I know you give back a lot to your hometown in South Carolina. So how do you feel about Dan Gilbert, Quicken Loans doing a lot in the City of Detroit, to have similar

efforts giving back?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, the charitable organization and the PGA TOUR and what they do for charities in every local area, and obviously the sponsor, they're obviously a big charitable organization. I think it's great for every city, every town that we go to. How much money we raise for charity, it's unbelievable.

I have my own foundation in South Carolina and a golf school, so I do as much as I can to give back to the community there and junior golf and the state of South Carolina. So I'm very fortunate to be able to do that.

JOHN BUSH: Dustin, sort of along those same lines, you just took part in a pretty neat venture out here. We've got some special guests, Matt and Sara there in the back row. Want to share the news with everyone here, what you told them?

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Yeah, I was fortunate enough today to be able to do a gender reveal. I have two children of my own. And they were quite surprised, so it was a lot of fun for me and I'm very happy to be a part of it.

JOHN BUSH: Congratulations to you both. Dustin, thank you for your time and play well this week.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Thank you.