

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JOEY SINDELAR (-2)

Q. Start us off with your comments on today's round.

JOEY SINDELAR: Sure. For me, first of all, physically, again with all the injuries I've had, very pleased with today. Everything seems to be laying down and going in the right direction and that's kind of what some of this test was about for me. I knew I wouldn't be ready to shoot 18 or 20 under for three rounds, but on the other hand, your brain always remembers what you can do and that's what makes it frustrating. Speed's not quite there, accuracy's not quite there, but the brain says, "Wait a second, we used to be able to do this."

But with the reality check, I'm very pleased to have gotten through basically pain free, so happy with that. A little sloppy on the edges, but again, you know, when you've played two tournaments in 10 weeks and there's a lot of people staring at you and you haven't been in that loop for a while and you want to do well for them and well for you and, you know, those are the little pressure points. You do things a little differently. Like every person who's played golf, the golf course is different than the range and a tournament is different than just the golf course. So that's why for us, playing 25 tournaments a year, we kind of get numb to a lot of those things, but when you've been gone a while, you're not. But overall, I'm very, very happy.

Q. Had a little moment there on three where the ball bounced off the green, hit a fan and then bounced off. What did you talk about? I know you gave her a signed ball.

JOEY SINDELAR: I did, and an apology. I was surprised because that ball actually went a little farther than I had been hitting it, so I was actually pleased with the shot even though it went over the green.

It was weird, off the tee my ball -- I hit a tree on the left edge and it went literally 70 yards the wrong way, a couple cart path bounces, so what should have been an almost reach-in-two par 5 was a driver and a hybrid and a 4-iron. So it was a journey to even get to hitting her. But she had -- she took it in great stride and was very nice about it and helped me, and stopped my ball and I got a par out of it. So just always happy that once I know there's no injuries, that you can make a friend out of a situation like that, so that was good. Good for me.

Q. It seemed like the iron play at some point today was flashing some really good stuff today. You had it on four, stuck it in there on that really tough pin placement and then back on eight you put it like two feet for birdies. Talk about your iron play a little bit and how that's kind of developed into today and kind of having those really nice holes.

JOEY SINDELAR: Thank you, I appreciate that. And that's kind of, on top of the injuries I talked about and the missing time, I've made a little bit of a swing change, which I've needed to make for a long, long time, and I'm swinging a little differently. Not to bore anybody, but trying to swing on plane, which is left for me rather than inside out, like many of us do. It's a very common thing to go wrong out here. So I'm in the middle.

Today, this week, yesterday was the first test of that for me. So there are good ones. The good ones are A-plus, but there's a couple of smelly ones stuck in there that we've got to get rid of. I appreciate you noticing. And the good ones are good. I hit a 5-iron into No. 11, it was like, that's how I want to hit a golf ball. You know, every week we want to be as good as we can, but a large part of it is about, you know, growing and getting better as a golfer and showing up better next week than you were this week. So I feel like that happened.