

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (+2)

Q. Xander, fog rolled in kind of the last hour you were out there. Not the best day, but you kept going. How was it?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I don't know how I feel about the round. I feel like I played actually pretty well, hit the ball well enough, drove it well enough, was in the right position on all the par 5s and only managed to make one birdie. So bit of a, I guess, bad scoring situation for the day.

But I don't know, I'm not sure how I feel about the round yet.

Q. The South Course recently redesigned, do you think that has anything to do with it?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, they've got to fix the bunkers. You know, on 12 it was a little ridiculous. Phil's ball plugged high on the lip, my ball plugged on the downslope. Shots where you're sitting there like, okay, I've missed my shot properly, it's a 210-yard par 3 with a bail-out to the right, might as well just put red stakes around that bunker since all the balls seem to be plugging. Just it was that kind of day, I guess. Looking forward to getting back out there and making some birdie.

Q. The Aztecs are ranked No. 4. How do you feel about them?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Great. I've missed out on going to the game, they've been inviting me and I'm sad that I haven't been able to go. Looking forward to them playing UNLV next over in Vegas. I think that will be a really good test for them finishing up the year.

Q. Can you take some solace that today was on the South and the North isn't as easy as it used to be, but (inaudible)

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, maybe a little. You've still got to score and hit the right shots. I just was a little off coming into the green on 18 there. You know, hitting it left of the pin isn't really ideal, thinking it might be an okay ball, hit soft and stays on the downslope. It was just like constantly being faced with kind of strange things.

But it's Torrey Pines and, like I said, I'm kind of ready to get back out. If I could go play 18 now, I think I would love to because I'm sure I'd make six or seven birdies. It's just how it goes.

Q. You were kind of first on the scene as a PGA pro, how have the crowds been different as your first to second year out here to this year?

XANDER SCHAUFELE: Yeah, it's nice. Obviously this week's very comfortable here at home, but people still pronounce my last name wrong, and fortunately Xander's an easy one to say. It's awesome. Any type of fan or anyone cheering for me, I really appreciate it.