

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-6)

Q. Xander, how would you describe your round out there today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Bogey free on Torrey South is great for me. Pretty happy with the round.

Q. As far as -- I know this is only your second cut made here and we talked about it earlier in the week, the no fans, does it seem kind of weird like not to have some fans around here as you go around the South Course?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I'm used to sort of seeing people that I haven't seen in a while, saying hi while I'm kind of walking the course. You know, I said earlier in the week to Todd that maybe it's a good thing that no one's out there so I can just focus on trying to make a cut here since I haven't had much success in the past.

Q. What will tomorrow's round kind of be for you? What will you kind of look for to get out of the round tomorrow?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Same thing as today. I created a lot of opportunities. Bogey-free is obviously a nice way to move up the board, and it's Torrey South, I needed more today than I got. Four under is a really good score and I don't know if I've ever shot in the 60s here at South in tournament play, or ever honestly, but I was thinking if I could shoot 7 today I might be somewhere in the talk if I could shoot something low on Sunday. But I'm very happy with the 4 under and if I can feed off of that tomorrow, then I'd be very happy.

Q. Mark Leishman said earlier in the week, he was asked about you and what your best asset was and he said he's definitely a grinder, he never gives up. Would you agree with that or is there something else that makes you the player that you are?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I think so. I like to take pride in never quitting. All the cuts I miss are usually by 1 just because I give it my best, and it hurts more obviously when you miss it by 1, but I think I just learned from a few veterans that if you have a good attitude and stay strong in tough moments, things usually turn out in your favor.

Q. And it might be the only bogey-free round of the day today, I think there's one other player out there that has a chance to do that currently and it's early. How special is that, meaningful to make that move on a day after just making the cut?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it's good for my mental game. I spoke with Phil yesterday, it was awesome to play with him. He sort of spoke about how he had weird woes at Riviera

in his career and he kind of took a break from it and came back with a different attitude. He said he played four years after he took some time off and he won twice and lost in a playoff twice.

Like I said, I keep trying to learn from veterans and how they think and operate on the course and I just try to have that sort of mindset out here. I haven't had success, this course is supposed to play kind of into my hands with my game. If I can just stay patient long enough to sort of ride the bad waves and catch a couple good ones, then I'll be happy.