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JOEL DAHMEN (-3)



Q. So how was your bucket list round with Phil Mickelson?

JOEL DAHMEN: Phil's awesome. Obviously he played great today, so that was even better. I was watching the show kind of, got caught up there in the first nine holes when he started making birdies.

But he's a great guy. He's just so full of information would be the way to put it (Laughs.) He's got great stories. He's really fun to play with.

Q. Did you single-handedly bring Lefty back?

JOEL DAHMEN: We were just walking to scoring and Ryan Armour said, "You don't have to poke the bear." So I poked him a little bit and he played awesome today. It was incredible.

Q. I know you guys had fun on Twitter. Did that carry over on the golf course? Was it the normal exchange on the golf course?

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah, so we kind of ribbed each other downtown our first hole and then it was like, all right, let's play some golf now. It was kind of like one of those things of, hey, we're both here to win a golf tournament. He was, you know, I think in our whatever future practice rounds there will be a lot more ribbing, I'm sure, but there was just a lot of good shots and storytelling.

Q. How good was he out there?

JOEL DAHMEN: The iron play today was incredible. I don't know what the stats are going to show, but he hit so many great shots inside of it seemed like six feet, and obviously he can chip it and pitch it unbelievably, and he made all his putts today. He has this new 2-wood thing, I'm sure he'll talk about it. He was kind of hitting his dink cut he was calling it past my driver all day and that's impressive. If he plays like this, he can play anywhere at anytime against anybody.

Q. You guys have never even played a practice round together or is this the first time?

JOEL DAHMEN: Never played a practice round or around here. I know his brother pretty well, Tim. He kind of recruited me a little bit in college and then we've kind of been kind of friends, I guess. We've said hi to each other, I've sat at the same table as him at lunch, but nothing more than hello.

Q. You're not lagging too far behind today.

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah, I played really well. I was pretty happy. I won about a month ago, but I've only made two cuts this calendar year and I knew my game was kind of trending. Played pretty well last week at home, so I could kind of feel this was it. I love this event, I've played well here in the past, so I was just trying not to get my butt kicked too bad today.

Q. So who's remaining on your bucket list? Who's the next one you want to conquer?

JOEL DAHMEN: I don't know. I got Tiger a couple years ago, I got Phil. I don't know if what the bucket list per se anymore on the PGA TOUR would be, but I checked off Tiger and Phil, I'm pretty happy about that.

Q. Was there anything that he told you today that surprised you as far as --

JOEL DAHMEN: We got in some dopamine talk, frontal lobe and dopamine, and then the units of it, which I was actually impressed with. Then he hit a 6-iron to three feet, so he must have had his dopamine correct on that one.