ROUND 1 INTERVIEW JULY 1, 2021



JASON DAY (-5)

JASON DAY: The highlights. I made two bombs on the front side. On 2 I got, I think it was like 30, 35 feet or so, and then on the par 3 sixth I believe, or fifth I believe, there was a nice bomb back down the hill. I didn't play the par 5s too well today, I think I played them 1 under par. But good momentum birdies on 8, 9 to get my round kind of moving in the right direction there. From there I just knew that there was a lot more opportunities on the back side than there were on the front side for me personally. I don't know why that is, but I just feel like the back side plays a little bit easier.

Q. What do you feel like you found in your game these last two weeks?

JASON DAY: I feel like my putting has definitely eased a lot of the pressure, whereas at the start of the year I thought I had no idea what I was doing putting-wise and wasn't holing a lot of putts. Momentum putts from five to 10 feet to keep the round going and moving, I wasn't holing. Then I feel like they're starting to -- I'm starting to see the ball go in before I hit the putt and when I was putting my best, that's what I started to see. At the start of the year I had no idea. Like I would sit there and go, okay, I have to hit the putt on the perfect line at the perfect speed just to get it in the hole, whereas when I'm putting my best, I feel like I can push it, pull it, hit it as hard as I want and it's going to go in. Putting was, like I said before, the sun in my universe and I've just got to keep working on it and that takes a lot of pressure off my game.

Q. Does it feel like it's been a long time since you won?

JASON DAY: Oh, yeah, it feels like a lifetime. I feel like I'm not done yet. I know that I've just got to keep pushing.

Q. I wonder how the back is. How is it?

JASON DAY: It's good. It's funny, I was explaining it earlier. Like I had tweaked my back the week of Memorial, Monday at Memorial, and then you have two weeks off, give yourself enough time to kind of, you know, I guess rest enough to kind of recover. Then you go from not really prepping to going into Travelers to going kind of full bore and hitting it how you can. I can see why it tightened up, but it was fine. There's nothing wrong, it was just sore.

Q. (Inaudible) you walked gingerly?

JASON DAY: I was, I was, I definitely was. Anytime going from right to left, it would just hurt. But it was just like anytime I kind of bent sideways, which we kind of have to do, that was the tough part. So I just could one-arm it down the fairway and it felt fine.

Q. Today though?

JASON DAY: It was fine, today was great.

Q. Does Dash's interest in the game fuel additional interest?

JASON DAY: Yeah, it does actually, because he asked if I was a celebrity the other day and I said no.

Q. Why did you say no?

JASON DAY: Because I just don't want -- I want him to look at me like I'm his dad instead of a celebrity. I just, I want him to be able to not look at me like a celebrity and that I'm a golfer, that I'm a good golfer, that I'm there to help him whenever he needs me.

For him to be able to play golf has inspired me to kind of work a little bit harder to stay out here a lot longer because if I can do that, hopefully one day we can play in the Father-Son and we can -- and maybe he can caddie for me. That would be awesome. There's a lot of benefits from me and him playing golf.

Q. How old is he?

JASON DAY: He's 9, turning 9 next Saturday.