

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JOE DURANT (-13)

Q. Joe, you're at 13 under, 66 today in the second round. Just your thoughts on the day.

JOE DURANT: We played with virtually no wind and the greens are soft so the scoring's obviously very low. Just got to do it again tomorrow. Played very well. I've putted beautifully the last two days, which has really been kind of holding me back this last 18 months or so. I'm pleased with how I'm playing and I'm looking forward to giving it one more shot tomorrow.

Q. Does it fit your game just to shoot for pins like all day long? You had five birdies through 16. Is that really how you want to play golf every day, just going right at it?

JOE DURANT: You know, I think we all kind of have to. Knowing what the scoring's going to be like, you have to be aggressive around here. And the greens are rolling so good, if you give yourself eight-, 10-footers, you've got a really good shot at making a bunch of those just because the greens are as good as they are. My hat's off to the greens crew because with all the rain we've had, the course has really held up nicely and we've been really fortunate to get two rounds.

Q. Knowing who's on that leaderboard with you, what's it going to take tomorrow?

JOE DURANT: It's going to take another low one. I think 13 -- I wouldn't mind being 20, see what 20 does tomorrow. It's just going to be fun. It's a shootout. You know, a guy could come out and shot 62 tomorrow, so you've just got to go out and put the pedal down and --

Q. Is it going to be you to shoot 62?

JOE DURANT: I hope so. At some point I'd like to be on 18 green. Yeah, I'm playing well, so you have to go out and take it one at a time though. I know it's very mundane to say that, but that's what you have to do. You have to take the shot you have at hand and hit the best shot you can.

Q. Have you been having fun at the 17th hole?

JOE DURANT: Oh, yeah, that's great. I'm so glad everything's back. That's such a party atmosphere, a lot of fun. My team from Tuesday was up there hooting and hollering. I just missed it. It's so great to see everybody back out and that's what's made this tournament legendary even back in the Buick days, now with the Ally Challenge to see 17 like it is, it's just a lot of fun.

Q. If somebody handed you a beer on 17, would you open it up and kind of shake it back at 'em?

JOE DURANT: Give a little spray? I might do that, you never know, have a little fun with them. I better not take a drink while I'm playing, though, might get in trouble for that.