ROUND 3 INTERVIEW August 29, 2021

JOE DURANT (-17)



Q. Here with Joe and his wife, Tracey. Joe, it's never easy to win. What was going through your mind coming up 18 here?

JOE DURANT: I haven't been in that position in quite a while and I had a lot of things in my brain that shouldn't have been in my brain. I'm a good driver of the ball, too, but I just stepped up there and I didn't have a clear picture of the shot I wanted to hit and I just completely flared it.

Then I was very fortunate to be in the other fairway, but still had to get the second shot up over the trees, and I clipped the tree. Actually had the perfect yardage for me, a 60-yard wedge shot is the perfect yardage for me, but that just shows you how nervous I was and I dumped that one. I was somehow fortunate to just wiggle in that second putt.

Q. You talked about you didn't think you might get back here. It's been since 2018 at the Chubb Classic where you got your last win. Did you think this day would come again?

JOE DURANT: You know, the way I played this year, no. I've just really been struggling.

I've got to give thanks to one of my best friends at home, Steve Fell, who's a golf coach, my son's golf coach, and Ray Schuessler and Brad Faxon. They've all been trying to help me with my putting because I've been putting so poorly and those three guys have really just made some changes in my mind that helped me a lot this week. I putted beautifully and just fortunate to hang on by one.