

JOHN DALY (-3)

Q. JD, great start here in the first round, finish at 3 under, so your comments on the day?

JOHN DALY: I hit it pretty good. Greens are tough. You get some 30-, 40-footers, you're just trying to two-putt some of them. But I hit the ball real well, hit a lot of greens, had a lot of opportunities, not very pleased with the way I played (inaudible) basically a par save.

Q. How about the course itself, what were your impressions?

JOHN DALY: It's an old traditional golf course. It's something we don't get to play a lot anymore and it's really cool. Like I said, the greens are -- I'm sure the members are laughing at us because we're playing them so much slower than they did so we get a few more pin placements. It's all about the greens. The fairways are perfect, you can't beat Zoysia fairways. You're pretty much going to get a great lie no matter what. It's just a matter of hitting the ball solid and making a few putts, but the greens are what stands this place out, which is pretty incredible.

Q. And the galleries, you're a home state guy, everybody seemed to be really pulling for you. What was that like hearing the crowd so much pulling for you?

JOHN DALY: Oh, it's awesome. St. Louis has always been a great fan base of any sport. Bellerive was crazy a couple years ago, it's just so awesome. They've always been a great town, a great city of sports. Love the Cardinals, love their Blues, and that's what you love about coming here, it's just a great, great fan base city and it's good to have them on my side.

Q. John, it probably doesn't surprise you either when you heard this tournament was going to happen, you anticipated that, didn't you? You'd have a good turnout?

JOHN DALY: Well, hopefully, hopefully we always do. We all missed playing in front of the fans last year, I know I did. There's nothing like feeding off good people rooting for you. Things aren't going good, they pick you up, and if things are going great, they get loud and crazy. So hopefully maybe this weekend something like that could happen.

Q. Minus 3, what do you think the number's going to have to be on Sunday for John Daly to win this?

JOHN DALY: Being a first year here, we don't know, it's hard to tell. It looks like the scores aren't as low as I thought they might be and that's just a credit to the greens because they're

so difficult. I don't look at numbers, just go out and play the best you can and see what happens.