

XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-4)

Q. Two rounds in, 4 under. Tell me how these past two days have been going?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, today was stressful. The wind was slightly different than yesterday, which if you're kind of a drawer of the ball made the South play a little bit harder, I think. Yeah, it's not very late in the day, but the greens were kind of bouncy and a little bumpy, so had a lot of five- or six-footers for par and fortunately made most of them.

Q. Does it help having the background that you can strategize being familiar with this course?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I mean a little bit. You prepare yourself for the worst when you hit yourself in certain spots. I think that's sort of less panic, you just kind of know you're not in a good spot. Got a lot to do over the weekend.

Q. Speaking of lot to do, can you get it done with as far back as you are as far as how difficult the South is?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: The issue is you've got Jon up at the top. This course is sort of built for him. He grew up on poa annua greens and he's a left-to-right guy all day. When the wind gets harder on the South, it just is more left to right. I've got to be a little more disciplined when I'm fading the ball. It's sort of his stock shot, it's sort of not my stock shot. So I've done it before and I think it's going to take two ridiculously low historic rounds for me to be in contention, but I'm here to give it a shot.

Q. I know you had one there on 18, but did it just feel like a day where there just weren't very many opportunities?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I need to look at the numbers, but I'm assuming the South played much harder today than yesterday. I don't know the numbers or what the makeup is, but at least a shot. It just was a little harder to hit the fairway. And then once again, once you miss a fairway, you're scrambling for par. Yeah, it was not -- I guess fun maybe to watch at times, but it was not fun for me to play today, so I'll be up on the range for a bit.

Q. There's always a difference between North and South when you look at the numbers. Does it seem particularly stark this year?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it is kind of traditional. I think in years past it was pretty close since they added yards to the North course, but shot 4 under yesterday. Five would have had me in the top-10, would have been okay, but in order to keep pace you have to

shoot 6 or lower on the North and then do something nice on the South and you'd be right there in the lead. I did neither of that and I'm playing catch-up.

Q. Xander, just one more. We've talked about that, that it seemed the gap was narrowed, but now the scoring seems to be fairly different between the two courses. Do you kind of feel --

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I don't have the numbers. I'm assuming North is much easier?

Q. Yes, it was three and a half shots, 3.6 yesterday.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: What's today?

Q. I don't know.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it's significant. It's a little -- you know, I wish we could do it all on the South. I don't know if that's possible, but I think it would be just like the U.S. Open, it would be a much more -- in my mind, a much better tournament if it was just all on the South course because it sort of takes that British Open, what side of the draw you're on, out of the mix.

Q. You're playing the same thing every day?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Right.

Q. Would you be okay if there were smaller fields?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: You know, it's tricky. That brings in -- I'm in a good position and I'm biased and I'm speaking from -- it's hard for me to be I guess objective, but I can understand how you make the field smaller, rookies don't get in, they don't get their chances. So I empathize with that and I remember this being one of the starts as a rookie and excited to play here. In a perfect world, yeah, if they could drop the field to 132 we could play before it gets dark and play all on the South. I'm sure they've looked at it a million times. I haven't talked to them about it, that's my opinion.