

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
September 9, 2022



JOHN DALY (-4)

Q. Four under on the day, what was working out there for you?

JOHN DALY: Not much at first, just kind of hit it pretty decent. Just had a lot of long putts, two-putted for pars and then hit a couple close, made a couple and got a little confidence and started to hit it a bit better on the back end, you know, it was a good day.

Q. John, before the round started, you were contemplating not even playing, weren't you?

JOHN DALY: Yeah, yeah. I actually don't want to talk about it, but the L-2, I guess I pinched it yesterday on No. 2. The pro-am was so long and I waited and I kind of went at a drive and the L-2 kind of goes to your private parts and I've been hurting since then. I mean, the guys stretched me and gave me some pills to take. It hadn't happened to me since I kicked football with him when we played at Helias. It's a lot of water and just kind of rest it a little bit.

Q. Can you elaborate on the actual injury?

JOHN DALY: Your L-2 goes to your --

Q. Oh, yeah.

JOHN DALY: And I guess I pulled a muscle in it and it went to my -- I feel like somebody kicked me in the nuts, is that the way I want to say it? Yeah, it's been like that ever since I played the pro-am yesterday. Painful last night, then I saw the guys this morning and they kind of stretched me a little. It was brutal.

Q. How did it feel throughout the day?

JOHN DALY: I was very careful sitting on the golf cart, let's put it that way.

Q. John, you always enjoy playing in St. Louis, don't you?

JOHN DALY: I love these fans, I feel like they're at home. We went to school at Helias in Jefferson City not far from here and I've always loved the Cardinals, so it's just like kind of a home -- it's kind of like home, playing at home here. The fans are so great here.

Q. And then just that run of four birdies in a row, can you describe it?

JOHN DALY: I just made a good putt on -- let's see, where did it start, 15? I made a good -- missed a putt on 14, made a good two-putt on 15 for birdie. And then 16, almost holed out, made a good eight-footer there. 17, hit it to about seven feet, made that. Then yeah, I made some -- they weren't short putts, I just made a few putts.

Q. How would you describe Ryan Franklin's work today?

JOHN DALY: You know, my caddie, Pete Jordan, he walks a little slower, too, because he's a lot older, but Ryan's an athlete, it didn't bother him at all. No, he did good today. The only thing he did, he lost my putter cover, my Razorback putter cover. If that's the worst thing that happened, we're OK.

Q. How are the Hogs going to do this weekend, John?

JOHN DALY: We're going to win.

Q. I don't even know who you're playing.

JOHN DALY: South Carolina.

Q. What are you going to do the rest of the day, just rest, go somewhere and sit?

JOHN DALY: I'm going to go to Hooters, going to have some wings and drink a pitcher of Miller Lite, that will be perfect.