

**DAVID DUVAL**

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**Q. Obvious question is, how special is it to be back in a place that's part of your past?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** It's very special. I got to come and participate in the celebrity part of it last year, which was cool. I think as much as anything, it's cool to see an historic place like this hold such a wonderful event and see how well the Furyks have been putting it together. You know, it's -- for me, it's exciting. It certainly is nerve wracking because I grew up here and as you well know, I used to swing back and forth to the yacht club and do things like that when we were kids, all the stupid stuff you do. But you forget how beautiful it can be here.

This might sound funny, but having grown up here, obviously I'm proud to call this place my home, but very proud to see what they've done to the golf course and how they've cleaned it up and thinned it out. It's just spectacular.

**Q. David, which shots did you have to master to play well out here that you think carry over to your pro career?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** I don't think, Gary, that there's a shot so much that it asks you to do everything. So you learn how to hit basically most golf shots and most clubs in your bag. I think that was the biggest benefit growing up here.

**Q. What teenage memories stand out most to you?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** I don't know if I have any in particular. I think playing with the older members who were all the really good players back then. You know all the names. And having that opportunity to have a group of people that, you know, wanted to make sure someone little snot-nosed kid didn't beat them. And they were good, so the competitiveness that I learned from that is irreplaceable.

**Q. They're a pretty good playing membership, too.**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Oh, yeah. From what I understand, it's still that way here. There's a lot of really good players, which is really cool.

**Q. I was going to ask you if there was any kind of routine you had. I am thinking mostly high school years, you finished school, what would you do when you came out here?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Yeah, it changed age 15 to 16. I'll never forget the one thing after my dad

took the job with Plantation, it wasn't going to open -- I'm going to mess up, I don't know the exact time, but there was an extended period. The club and the members were like, David, you can come out here, use this -- practice, play, do all those things. For a membership to do that as the son of a club pro who has just taken another job was really cool and something I've never forgot.

**Q. How many rounds would you estimate --**

**DAVID DUVAL:** I mean, seriously? You're going to ask that question?

**Q. Estimate.**

**DAVID DUVAL:** That's a stupid question.

**Q. Like in a given year, how many rounds would you play?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** I don't know.

**Q. Every day?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Well, I mean, again, every day, yes, but some days it was 36 and some days it was 45 and some days it was nine and some days it was 54. I don't know how you would keep track of that.

**Q. (Inaudible) 35 years ago. What's the biggest change in the course? Was it overgrown with trees?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Yeah, I think as much as anything, certainly there was some fairway bunkers put in and how the greens have been reshaped a little bit. Routing is obviously the same.

It's funny, I walked off of I'm going to call it 16, but it was 7 for the tournament onto the eighth tee for the tournament, 17, and I was like, whoa, this was never 480, what happened to this hole?

But right there to like the right of what is tournament 7 green, that was like a bamboo forest growing up. I was driving down tournament 16 yesterday and I kind of looked over left in the trees and I was like, what's that big clearing over there, you know? I had never seen that. It's the back of the driving range. So how it's cleared up and the fact that just now I was on -- what hole was I on? Was it tournament 8? Tournament 7's green? And I could see the clubhouse and things like that. Things you could never do and I think that's a really cool thing.

**Q. How old were you when your dad --**

**DAVID DUVAL:** It was right at age 15.

**Q. How long was he here?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** I think he was here for roughly 15 years, something like that, 12, 15 years. I learned the game here. He left when I was 15 years old for Plantation.

**Q. Do you like what they did with the pond on 2, tournament 11, moved the (inaudible) a little bit left?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Oh, 2 for the tournament? You know what, that would be it's noticeable to me, but not that noticeable because it's not like I've been around --

**Q. (Inaudible) that ball back in the water?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** No, I was looking at the green, but I certainly have an idea that you've got to be very careful or else you (inaudible) to the second, just past the left one-third of the green that you need to give it seven or eight steps from the front of the green to make sure that the ball won't come backwards.

**Q. With renovations the greens roll a little bit firmer. Can you tell that out there?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Yeah, they are firm, but mostly noticeable with the longer shots you hit in, getting them to stop. The shorter irons are stopping OK. Once you get up to a 6- and 5-iron, you've got to really pay attention to how much the ball's going to release.

**Q. The guys we talked to talked about they like the course, they like the area, they like the time of year, but more than one guy said their motivation for coming here is because Jim and Tabitha, what they do.**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Um-hmm.

**Q. Do you think that maybe different circumstances they might not get the field they have in it wasn't Jim and Tabitha?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** That's a very distinct possibility, you know. Jim and his family are very well thought of and revered in the game of golf and they've always been honest, forthright and giving people, and to put together such a wonderful event, everybody's going to show up.

**Q. Did you have to pay for anything as a kid?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Oh, yeah. I mean, my dad did. A lot of hot dogs and cheeseburgers down in what was that pool grille. I don't know if it's there anymore.

**Q. Where's the yacht club that you swam to?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** It's right over there, on the other side of that. It's only like 400 yards. We went everywhere.

**Q. You'd be glowing in the dark for two days after.**

**DAVID DUVAL:** We didn't know how polluted the Saint Johns was back then.

**Q. What have you enjoyed the most this year?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** This year? I think just the competitiveness and trying to kind of remember how to play, how to put together a schedule, how to budget time at work and make sure I get the things done I need to. It's a bit of a learning curve because it's been a decade since I had any type of full schedule. It's been tiring doing it all year, travel and things like that. Just getting out and putting a pencil to the scorecard I think has been cool.

**Q. Has it been frustrating?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Very much so, yeah. I've expected -- I don't know necessarily what I expected for the year, but I've tried to be patient and sit down and watch it. I mean, everything's gotten progressively better, but the scores, you know, haven't reflected for the most part how I've been playing certainly for the last three or four months. Even Sunday out at the PURE tournament at Pebble, I mean, you've been out there how many times. I hit 15 greens on Sunday. Hitting 15 greens at Pebble, that's good hitting, right, and shot even par somehow. Pretty much I just watched it basically piss away a 64, 65. Where you hit it, you should have, you know ...

**Q. Somebody at the tournament had a little bit of a sense of humor putting you and Justin and Notah, putting all the Golf Channel guys in the same group.**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Right. I imagine that came from Golf Channel.

**Q. What is your history with Justin?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** We've played against each other for 35 years, since we were kids. AJGA stuff since we were 16 years old.

**Q. Did he have a sense of humor back then?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** You know what, I don't know. Everybody's -- so many of us have known each other for so long, it's just Justin. It's like just Jim, Davis, Notah. It's funny that we're all out here now.

**Q. Somebody said there's no cliques out here like you would find on the regular tour.**

**DAVID DUVAL:** You know what, now that -- it's not something I thought of, but now that you pointed it out, but whoever said it's absolutely correct.

**Q. That's got to be kind of nice?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** It is nice.

**Q. David, did you expect more out of yourself this year than what you've gotten?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Absolutely, but the year's not over.

**Q. Do you feel like you have an advantage at all this week?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** I mean, that's pretty much a silly question, too.

**Q. Well --**

**DAVID DUVAL:** I mean, you know, it's a redone golf course, I haven't seen it but once or twice in 15 years. Certainly I grew up playing here.

I was explaining to somebody in a pro-am or an outing, you know, the thing that -- I always laugh when people get asked that question when they're from that area because everybody who's playing this tournament this week, OK, they can come here and they could basically if they wanted to, they could play Tuesday practice round, play the Wednesday, Thursday pro-am and if they've never seen the course before, everybody in this field would know the course better than the best player of that club who's been playing it for 20 years. That's the difference between what these guys have done all their life and what a country club player does.

**Q. Do you have any kind of an advantage just because you lived in this area for so long?**

**DAVID DUVAL:** I don't. Why would that be?

**Q. Well, wind, what it does off the Saint Johns.**

**DAVID DUVAL:** Well, what's the forecast? So what advantage is there when it's blowing three?