

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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JOEL DAHMEN (-15)



Q. Is that going to make Thanksgiving dinner taste better?

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah, I was pretty sour after yesterday. It was nice to finish strong today. Yeah, I made the putt on 18, looked at Geno, said Christmas presents for everyone. So it'll pay for some diapers as well.

Q. What was the key today?

JOEL DAHMEN: I don't know, not being an idiot.

Q. Were you an idiot yesterday?

JOEL DAHMEN: I was an idiot yesterday. I wasn't patient on the first hole and I hit it over the green and made bogey. And then after that I was just like there's like no more stupid mistakes today, don't be super aggressive at some pins, there's birdies out here, there's plenty of them. So just kind of hung in there and played great on the back.

Q. How often do you think you are an idiot over the course of a year?

JOEL DAHMEN: Far too often, far too often for having a great caddie. I have to be a smarter player because I don't hit it as far and my ball-striking is really good. So I should be able to be more patient and at times I'm not patient, which is just super frustrating. And like right after you hit it, you know that it's not proper, so it's frustrating.

Q. I know it's not an offseason, but I don't know when you're going to play again, three, four, five weeks from now. Does it feel like an offseason and what are you going to do?

JOEL DAHMEN: We have an awesome couple weeks lined up and then with the birth of my child coming in late January, I probably won't play till Pebble. Not going to risk being stuck in Hawaii if it comes too early. If it's Palm Springs I can get home really quick, and then Torrey's an off week for me. So hopefully it's Pebble.

Yeah, so next week for Thanksgiving we go up to Brandon Harkins', his mom has a winery up in Healdsburg. We've done that like six or seven years. It's just unbelievable, we have a ton of fun. It's kind of a Friendsgiving up there. Then we fly back here for J.T. Poston's wedding, and from there we go to the Bahamas. So we have a really awesome, fun three weeks lined up.

Q. How big was today just for that position of maybe getting some points? Before taking some time off for the baby, you are in a better position.

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah, it's huge. I was already in a pretty good position, I was way ahead of the game, I guess, but to gather more points today was huge. You never want to take weeks off because you always feel like you're falling behind, but with the good finish today it will be easier to take time off, for sure.

Q. With Seamus, you talk about your affection for him, your friendship. I don't know how much you've seen from him, but this fall what have you seen maybe in his game that's led to success?

JOEL DAHMEN: Yeah, he's putting really nicely and I don't know if he always has. We really haven't played a ton together, just kind of passing each other. First time I've seen him. He's always driven it really nice, but he made a lot of putts. And his chipping is solid and I don't know if that's always necessarily been the case. When you're riding a heater, you never leave the table as they say.

Q. Are you the kind of guy that sits down in the offseason and sits down with a list of things you need to get better at or --

JOEL DAHMEN: My coach does. I don't look at that stuff really.

Q. Outside of being an idiot, is there anything else that kind of comes to your mind?

JOEL DAHMEN: I improved chipping a ton this fall. Finally for years we were -- it literally just clicked. Like it's not that hard, all the good chippers do it, it's simple.

Clarified Margaritas.

Chipping is huge because now I used -- I mean, I was so bad at chipping, awful, and so now I can actually get the ball up and down and that's been huge. And the putting is something I'll actually work hard on this offseason. Normally I just put the clubs away and come January 1 and get after it. But when you're playing this well, you feel like you're close to really breaking through to like big time and stuff, kind of like to keep the ball rolling.

Q. Seamus, you said you liked him the first time you played with him.

JOEL DAHMEN: He's just super happy, easy to talk to, nice guy. Some of his stories when he was single back in the day were phenomenal. You get a good-looking guy with an accent, he's going to do OK. He's just always been a nice guy, everyone likes him and easy to be around.