

POST-ROUND INTERVIEW
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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-5)



Q. Xander, how would you characterize your round?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, solid, just a good body of work. Five under par on this golf course is something I think any pro would take any day.

Q. What do you feel like you did well today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I really had it going there. Ball was on a string for a bit, did everything really well. It's a championship-style golf course, so played really well through 15 holes and then had a little hiccup there coming in, so it is what it is.

Q. Those are tough holes coming in anyways. The rest of the field's not going to get beat up (unintelligible.)

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I had a big enough head start on the course that I figured giving some back wouldn't hurt me too much.

Q. When you look at the way you've played really the last few weeks, I don't think you've finished outside the top 10 in four or five events. Is it easier to stay patient or is it harder to stay patient as you inch closer to --

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I mean, I don't really think of results too much of that nature. I think most of us just go off of feels. I felt pretty good over the golf ball for a bit of time. Just the big thing out here is just being able to take advantage of it when you do feel that way.

Q. And maybe the flip side of that, when you are playing as well as you have, is it almost easier because you don't have to spend a lot of time trying to search?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, not searching's a big thing. That's something we've worked pretty hard on to make sure I know what I'm doing, good or bad. When you do hit bad shots, it helps to know why you hit it versus sitting on the range and scrambling too much. Just another day.

Q. What were you searching for?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Offseason, you like to tinker every offseason, whether it's getting faster or trying to cut it more, you name it, it's always -- it's golf. All of us are trying to be perfect and it's just an everlasting search.



Q. Does it matter what the designated events are in terms of the course? Does it help if the designated events are also at, you know, well-regarded places? Does that matter?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'm sure there's a correlation between the two, having big tournaments at big championship venues. I think that's sort of why you built the course in the first place, so you can host the big tournaments.

I don't really understand the question, to be honest, but yeah, I think the feel of the entire week helps, I guess.

Q. I just meant more in terms of if it was just an average course as long as you've got the top players and a great field, does it matter?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Sure, certain courses are more fair than others based on bounces, weather, things of that nature. A lot of variables when you play this game. Yeah, when you have a really big championship-style course where you kind of have to play through your whole bag, typically after four days the best guy wins.

Q. What was different about today versus when you came and played in September for the Presidents Cup?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Just the overseed. It was also blowing like 100 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Maybe not 100, but like 25, and it was kind of cool. It was nice that the sun came out and people came out and supported us.

Q. You also played on the Presidents Cup. Do you like Quail Hollow? Is this like --

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I mean, you know, I can't call it that quite yet, but it's a nice piece of land they have here. It's a really nice golf course, it's really hard and I think all of us pros enjoy coming out here.

