

Q. Xander, you talk about the freedom you're kind of playing with. What have you kind of working on in maybe the last few months that has given you the ability to be that free with your game?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, for a bit I was trying to sort of learn how to -- you know, every I guess -- to be optimal in every category of your game, it's a little bit different. Like the best bunker players, the best chippers, the best wedge players, mid iron players, long iron players, drivers, it's just like a slightly different delivery to all those things.

Just as of late I've been trying to just not tinker too much with everything. As weird as that sounds, just trying to do less and getting more out of it. I like to fiddle a little bit too much, which I get criticism for from my own team, and just a little bit less of that has been helpful.

Q. How does some of that freedom help you out there these first 36 holes?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it's just the first 36 holes of a really hard tournament. We hope to carry that freedom into the weekend and play free all week.

Q. Why is it that this golf course seems to identify such high profile players? I'll go to J.T. winning the PGA TOUR here and how many times Rory --

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It's hard, it's really hard. It doesn't matter if you hit it really far, you have to hit it in the fairway. It doesn't matter how good your short game is, you have to hit your spots pretty cleanly for the most part with the grain changes and whatnot. Doesn't matter how good of a putter you are because if you leave yourself in the wrong spot, you're going to be playing defense on the greens all day. It just kind of stacks up throughout your bag depending on how you're playing and it's just a really hard property.

Q. Is that sort of the definition of identifying the best player?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, they say the cream rises to the top and the harder the property, the -- as long as the wind isn't too crazy, the harder the property, the better players typically rise. So, I mean, I think it's just these fields are really good now, so it's anyone's game.

Q. Is there one part of your game you feel like needs to be the most sharp this weekend to keep yourself in contention?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, just upstairs. You know the deal.



Q. And you said, you're not trying to tinker as much, but when you're playing as well as you are, what's your mindset going into the rest of the weekend? Is there anything you want to keep focusing on or anything that you're really going to harp in on to make sure you're still on top of the leaderboard come Sunday?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, right now it's just rest. A 4:30 wake-up's really early. Everyone else in the field had to do it, but I'm going to try and take advantage of this afternoon and rest up. Yeah, it's hard to stay focused if you're tired so just rest up as much as possible.

