

Q. Adam Scott was just in here. He said he was actually a little surprised the scoring was so low today. What's your assessment of that?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It's just one of those things out here, I feel like I've said it before in interviews, you just see someone doing it. Fortunately it was the guy next to me that I played all day. Once these guys out here see someone do it, they just end up doing it. Like when it's really cold and rainy, you feel like, man, I feel like 3 under would be a good score, then some shoots 7 under and then all of a sudden 3 under's in like 30th. So guys are really good out here. Monkey see, monkey do is definitely a thing that happens out here.

Q. You said yesterday when I asked you why this golf course kind of identified champions that it sort of tests every aspect of your game. So if I were to ask you what's the most part of your scoring, would you say every aspect of your game?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Sorry? It's hard to hear.

Q. If I were to ask you what the most important aspect of your game, would it be every aspect?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, you've got to be in the fairway. The rough isn't as penalizing as it is normally when it's bermuda or in the past when it was a little bit longer. With how long the course is, for most of us you have to be in the fairway to attack. The greens weren't super fast -- sorry, weren't super firm, I'd say. In the past you hit a 6-iron, it will pitch and run like 10 yards. So today was more like that 5-ish window, which is pretty consistent.

I'd say the course is so manicured and it's in such good shape that if you do hit a good putt from 30 feet, you're probably going to make it, and if you do hit really good chips and good putts, like you get rewarded for it. There are some crazy runoffs on the property, but for the most part I think if you can keep it in the fairway, you open up a lot of the property.

Q. Xander, I believe you were playing with Patrick on Tuesday. How much have your games with him sharpened you? Tony and Jon Rahm have talked about that, how they've kind of sharpened each other.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Always.

Q. And who won that match on Tuesday if you had a match?



XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Tuesday was more -- we were more just hitting shots. It was pretty windy. You know, like pro-am days where pins are in the middle of the greens on slopes, we'll maybe play a birdie game or something of that nature. I don't even think we had a game on Tuesday, just a friendly match.

Q. How much has your association with him, your friendship with him sharpened you?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, a lot. His ability to think his way around the property is amazing and his short game's insane, so anytime I -- I just watch, watch to learn kind of. Like I said to Rex, monkey see, monkey do. If I see him hit a really sick pitch shot, I'll try it myself.

Q. Did you always think this course would set up nicely for you or have you surprise yourself a little?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: We like to believe we can play any course when you're playing well, so this would just be another one.

