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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-15)



Q. Xander, did the driver maybe kind of let you down kind of midway kind of through that round today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It was probably more my putter, to be honest. I really just missed a couple sort of mid-range putts. That birdie on 8 was a hard putt, but if you're trying to win a golf tournament you need to make that, and then three putting 9, yeah, the driver put me out of position. But it's just one of those things you need -- sorry, I lost my train of thought. I wouldn't really put it on the driver, just I didn't do what I needed to do at important times. When you're trying to win on Sunday, you need to put the screws down and put some pressure on the guys leading and I didn't do that.

Q. If there's -- I was just wondering if you think Wyndham might be an example of a reason why they might not want to go to some shorter fields in these designated events. If this was next year, he probably wouldn't have been in here based on where he was FedEx, world ranking and stuff, and yet here he is a winner today, I don't know how you feel on that issue.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Well, he's going to be in all of it next year.

Q. Yeah, well, this should get him up there.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah. No, for sure, that's definitely -- there's pros and cons to every change and that would probably be a con if the likes of him weren't playing. I mean, I wouldn't have minded because I would have won the tournament by three if he wasn't here, so you might be asking the wrong person. I do understand what you're saying and yes, that is a downside to it.

Q. Also, just in terms of your own game, I heard you over there, you feel good about your game, you just were kind of going up against the guy who did pretty well today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, a bit of a buzz saw to be honest. I probably had to shoot, what, 7 under today again ballpark to tie him maybe or win by one. I think if I could have just put a little bit of pressure down like through that mid part where I started leaking oil, it probably would have looked a little bit different. I probably wouldn't have had to shoot 7, and if he just came through the buzz saw like he did, then he would have just won outright. Once again, I'm playing really solid and just had a flat Sunday unfortunately.

