

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW

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JASON SCHULTZ (-5)

Q. Birdies on 4 and 6 to end your round. What was going right down that stretch?

JASON SCHULTZ: Well, I started driving it better, and so I was getting in positions where I could get at some of the par-5s and I was able to put myself in positions off the tee basically to kind of change, swing the round around pretty quick.

Q. Was there anything on the front nine that suited your game well?

JASON SCHULTZ: Par-5s. Three par-5s helps a lot. Like I said, I drove it well on those holes, and I was able to get to them with irons, and it makes a big difference.

Q. Going forward for the rest of the weekend, what do you need to do to close the gap at the top of the leaderboard?

JASON SCHULTZ: Same thing, just stay aggressive and just take advantage of the spots when I got them and try to make as many birdies as I possibly can.

Q. This not being your first event now, the relaxation period is good now?

JASON SCHULTZ: Yeah, well, I mean, it's still a learning experience. Like I said, I'm just playing golf, and I'm just trying to have fun and trying to hit -- stack one shot on top of each other and not making it bigger than it is and just doing what I can to play well and have fun.

Q. What's the overall goal besides winning this week?

JASON SCHULTZ: That's the overall goal essentially. Like I said, I'm trying to -- not too much, I'm just trying to do what I can to create opportunities, and whether it's each hole or each shot, just put myself in the right positions and everything else will kind of take care of itself.

Q. We talked in Iowa; anything change? Is that mental thought still there?

JASON SCHULTZ: Yeah, like I said, I have a new perspective on the game. I'm playing golf, and it kind of is what it is. I'm not making too big of a deal out of it. I'm just grateful for opportunities like this. Not being a member out here, it's just fun to be able to play and compete and get as many rounds in as I possibly can.

Q. Did that top 10 at Principal give you validation that you can compete out here?



JASON SCHULTZ: Yeah, it's been a process. Like I said, I was out of the game for a long time, and just the fact that I was able to do something positive and see that my game does stand up, and it does nothing but create more confidence.

