

ROUND 2 QUOTES
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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-11)



Q. Xander, just another solid round. I know you bogeyed 18, the finishing hole, but just made two bogeys over 36 and to play as well as you've done, 11 under, you've got to be really happy?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, just played some really nice golf the last two days. Really happy to get that last hole in. I know it wasn't -- most of it was pretty until the end there. Yeah, happy to get it in and not have to wake up super early.

Q. Fifteen greens today, another solid effort from yesterday and that's been a big key. You weren't under a lot of stress today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: No, that's kind of the thing, it didn't feel like I was -- I had some birdie looks and when I was out of position I was able to hit the green still from the rough, which is a really tough task with the resurfacing of the greens here. Felt like I sort of plotted around the property pretty well.

Q. What are the keys over the weekend now, keep doing what you're doing?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it's always easier said than done. Make sure things are sharp. Lucky to get this round in. Not going to be able to practice now, which may be a good thing for me. Just going to try and rest up.

Q. All right. They make these Signature Events to get the best players in the world all together. You're going to be playing with Rory tomorrow, Jason Day is also 7 under par. This is what the people want to see. Should be a lot of fun.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah. If you look at the leaderboard, it definitely feels like you're in a Signature Event.

Q. What is so comfortable about your game right now with how you're playing recently?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I mean, the ball's going sort of where I'm looking most of the time, which usually helps us pros feel more comfortable. The swing feels and things of that nature may still feel a little foreign, but hitting good shot after good shot in crosswinds and some tough spots definitely gives you more confidence.

Q. Have you had this level of confidence in the last maybe 18 months in your game?



XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I mean, yeah. I played some really good golf I'd say in the last year-ish. I haven't won in a couple years, but I've definitely been close. Just got to really stay present in those tough spots that have got me in the past.

Q. Why have you felt so comfortable on this golf course?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I don't know. I wish I could tell you. It's a big golf course, you've got to execute shots. I don't know, maybe it's so hard it makes you focus more. I have no idea.

Q. And you play tough golf courses well. Is it maybe you've just gotten more used to this golf course?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Maybe, yeah. I mean, The more times any of us pros play courses, we typically get more comfortable.

Q. What's your biggest key do you feel this weekend to stay in contention through Sunday?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, sort of I'm plotting from tee to green really well. My putter doesn't feel bad. With the resurfacing of the greens it's hard to get it close on some holes, and it's not like the property gives you a whole lot. Today I only can think of the drivable par 4 and didn't hit a great drive there. It was just tough with the wind off the left.

And made a mess of the par 5 with that pitch there being like 15 feet short. That's sort of like the one shot I'd like to have back, and maybe that chip on 18, too. Other than that, if I can go through a day and only nitpick a few shots, you're doing something right.

Q. Is it tough the last couple holes with the weather kind of getting a little crazier?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, a little bit. It sort of felt like we were rushing in a touch. I know I bogeyed it, but I'm definitely happy to be in. It's stupid to say, but I'd rather take the 5 at this point after hitting such a bad chip versus waking up super early and having to reset your day. It's all good.

Q. Tomorrow you'll play with guys who obviously have won here before, Rory. To be in that same group, what's that like to be a competitor with a guy who's won here previously before and that kind of stuff?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it's just another day of work. Saturday's moving day for all of us.

