

ROUND 3 QUOTES
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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-12)



Q. Xander, how would you describe the round today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Not as clean. Some sleepy wedges in there unfortunately, some really good up-and-downs, kind of a mixed bag. Definitely made it harder on myself is what it felt like from being in some good spots in the fairway.

Q. How big were some of those up-and-downs especially some of those early on the back nine?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, yeah, just to keep some sort of momentum. You definitely want to try and birdie the par 5s, which I wasn't able to do very well today. Overall, kind of squeaked this one out.

Q. Xander, you've had three rounds on the new greens now to kind of get a feel for them. What do you make of how they were playing today and now that it was a bit more weather wise nice out there compared to the first two rounds?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I mean, they were consistent. They were still firm, yeah. Felt like -- I was watching coverage earlier and felt like the greens were pretty slick. They probably got a little slower throughout the day, looked like this morning they were fresh cut and rolled and some of those putts looked really dicey.

Q. (No microphone.)

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: For sure, yeah, some spots. You just have to be in the fairway. I did a pretty decent job of that today. Like I said, I made a mess on some of the holes from the middle of the fairway, which is a shame out here.

Q. Is there anything you feel like you've been doing especially well this year with the good start as far as consistency?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'm not sure. I mean, in order to be consistent you have to kind of do everything mediocre or well out here, I feel like. I just kind of stay in my lane, to be honest. I really don't look too far beyond my own circle. I don't know if that helps me at all or if I should start looking outside my circle, but for the most part I kind of stay in my lane, talk with my team and it seems to be working all right.

Q. Is there anything in particular you need to clean up tomorrow to make sure you can get the win?



XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'm going to have to earn it tomorrow. I've got Rory breathing down my neck. I'll look at the leaderboard here shortly, but yeah, I think if I strike the ball the way I did today off the tee and just a little more focus coming into the greens, picking the spots and then going through my process a little better, should be in a good shape.

Q. Is that the way you've been trending to this point, from the beginning of the year, you made some changes?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Um-hmm, yeah, of course. Whenever you switch -- I haven't had the luxury of switching coaches all the time, I've been with my dad forever. So having a new coach, Chris, has been awesome. I'm not playing worse, which is nice. He's definitely helped me a lot. There are some things in transition that aren't super comfortable. So yeah, I'm happy with how things are going, and been pretty patient through the process. He's been awesome in communicating with me even when he's not out here. So just trying to get more and more comfortable where the club's at and how I'm swinging it.

Q. Now that you've been going through that process and still had -- you've a lot of high finishes anyway.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah.

Q. It's not like you took this big step back?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Sure, sure. That's the biggest reservation always when you're changing something when you're close to the top, it's much easier to go backwards than forwards. Yeah, that's obviously a huge positive.

