

## ROUND 1 QUOTES

July 11, 2024

**DUFFY WALDORF ( -4)**



**Q. Duffy, 4-under par start, currently co-leading. What was going well for you today?**

**DUFFY WALDORF:** Well, I mean, today this course played as long as I've ever seen it play, so my 4-iron was wore out. And thank goodness I was hitting a lot of good 4-irons because it was pretty much if it wasn't a 4-iron, it was a 5-iron and might have been a 3-iron. So a lot of good iron play from me and that kept me -- the greens were holding, so fortunately they were holding those long shots and I was very accurate with them and got myself a lot of birdie putts.

**Q. So safe to say it's the best you've played with your long irons in a while?**

**DUFFY WALDORF:** It's the most I've used them, for sure, and the best I've played, definitely, yeah. It was nice. I mean, I think it helped a little bit that it was soft, but still when you're standing there 210 yards away, these greens are pretty small, they're not very inviting and I was just able to really control the shot the way I wanted to and get the trajectory right and get a lot of, you know, somewhat makeable birdie putts. So 15-, 20-footers actually are pretty good out here a lot of the time.

**Q. Duff, did you see a round like today coming?**

**DUFFY WALDORF:** A little bit, but no, not necessarily. I mean, if you go by week off, I had a nice week off last week, the clubs were out. I missed the cut at the U.S. Open, but I was feeling good coming in here. My game's been on an upswing. I played well in Madison, I played well in Houston, made the U.S. Open, so I felt good about how I was playing. It was just a matter of kind of getting that one part of my game going, which was the iron game.

**Q. There's such a thin margin for error on this course. What is it about it that makes it so difficult?**

**DUFFY WALDORF:** Because you're tested right from the tee shot into the green. Got to hit a really good tee shot. If you're in the rough, you're kind of behind the eight ball a little bit. Even if you hit the fairway, now I've got a 4-iron in, still got to hit a great shot. So you've got to hit two great shots just to have a reasonable chance for par, otherwise you're scrambling. And it's like that 18 times in a row, so there's not a lot of breaks out here.

**Q. Does it wear you out more mentally or physically?**

**DUFFY WALDORF:** Wears you out both. I was in the cart a lot today, so I just let it wear me out mentally. Fortunately, since my game was solid and I was riding in the cart a lot, I felt like



I was pretty fresh physically and I wasn't in a lot of trouble. That's the thing, I stayed out of trouble today. I only missed a few greens and only missed a few fairways and wasn't in a lot of trouble and that really helps your mental game.