

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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XANDR SCHAUFFELE (-2)

Q. Turnaround round from the first one, how are you feeling heading into the weekend?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it was better, a little bit -- I mean, besides one hole yesterday, I kind of fed off of a lot of my holes and I probably hit the ball a little bit better today. Missed some makeable putts and made some ones I shouldn't make, so all in all it was a pretty solid day.

Q. Happy birthday. Were there a lot of nice birthday messages out on the course?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, there were. I was serenaded on the first tee, which is nice. Or the 10th tee I should say, my first tee. Everyone was very supportive along the way. Nice way to spend my 31st birthday.

Q. Playing with other favorites Rickie and Min Woo, what's that like with the fan support here in Japan?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It's been great. The fans have been pushing us along and cheering all our good shots, cheering all recovery shots as well. It's been very helpful to have the fans pushing us along.

Q. Can I ask you to repeat your Japanese connections exactly? What is your connection to Japan with the family?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, my mom grew up in Japan from the age of 4 years old. Born in Taiwan, grew up in Japan. My grandparents have lived in Shibuya for I don't know how long. I think my first time over here was probably when I was 9 years old and been coming here ever since.

Q. Language skills?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: My language skills?

Q. Japanese.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, pretty bad unfortunately. You know, hasn't -- I haven't spent enough time here to get much better at it. Yeah, my brother grew up here, too, so his first language was Japanese before he could speak English, which is fine, but mine wasn't.

Q. So what's your mindset going into tomorrow?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, similar to today. I feel guys are -- it was supposed to be kind of windy and ended up being kind of cloudy and not too windy, so the greens are staying soft. Your iron shots are kind of hitting and staying wherever you hit 'em. If you're hitting the ball nicely you can definitely shoot some low scores. Just got to keep the ball in front of me tomorrow and Sunday and try to give myself a chance.