

THE BAHAMAS GOLF CLASSIC at ATLANTIS PARADISE ISLAND

ROUND 2 QUOTES
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JOHN VANDERLAAN



Q. John, another great round. What were the highlights today and maybe how did it compare to yesterday?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Yeah, probably drove it a little better today, didn't hit my irons as good and I made everything. I putted really nice. There was a stretch there in the middle where it just seemed like everything was going in. So I guess I'm seeing the lines pretty good out here and just going to try to keep it going.

Q. One of the lowest 36-hole scores in Korn Ferry Tour history. I don't know if that means much to you at this point in time. Have you had a stretch of golf like this where it's been two days of just lights out?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Probably at some point. I'm sure if I think back I could probably figure it out. Just kind of trying not to even think about what's been going on out there, just kind of taking it, I know it sounds cliché, but one shot at a time. Trying to just focus on the process and go through every shot that I need to and see how the cards fall. Luckily so far it's been pretty good.

Q. What happened on the bogey today?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Let me think about that. I made a couple bogeys today. Oh, I hit one in the water and got to play it off the beach today, that was kind of nice. Hit it to like 15 feet and two-putted.

The other one I was on 6, pretty easy par 4 and I drove it in the fairway bunker probably like 60 yards, hit it over the green and didn't get up and down. It was a tough shot, but bounced back with a nice birdie on 8 coming in to kind of get it back to 6 under on the day.

Q. What do you think it's going to take this weekend to get it across the finish line and win this thing?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Yeah, I'm going to just try to kind of keep doing what I've been doing. Obviously I'm not the only one that shot some low scores out there, they're out there.



I'm not sure about tomorrow, but I know the wind's supposed to pick up a little bit on Wednesday. Game plan stays the same, just stick to the process I've got because it's gotten me this far and see what happens.

Q. What would it mean to you to win out here? You've retained status three, four years in a row or whatever it is, but what would it mean to get a win?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: I mean, it would be awesome. It's been a goal of mine since I've been out here and 2020 was my first year out here. It's always good to be in this position, especially early in the year. The more times I can put myself there, the better I'll perform. So especially this early in the season with 20 cards this year, it means a lot to get off to a good start. Try to keep capitalizing on my good play and see what happens.

Q. And what do you think you're looking forward to the most this weekend?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Just kind of, I mean, Hannah's caddying for me, just kind of enjoying our time out there and just going through it. I mean, end of the day, I'm playing golf for a living so it could be worse. Here in the Bahamas, not a bad place to spend January. Just going to kind of go out there and enjoy it and kind of do what I've been doing and see what happens.

Q. Any memorable conversations from the golf course the last couple days?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: That's a good question. Yeah, Hannah said that she like caddying because it means she can eat whatever she wants.

No, there have been some good ones. We don't talk a lot of golf, which is kind of nice, too. We're out here for five hours at least, so we spend so much time thinking golf, it's nice to get away from it a little bit in between shots. We've got a good little dynamic going, so we'll keep it going this next couple days.

Q. Seems like you always have some good rounds down here in the Bahamas. What is it about the Bahamas that kind of makes you feel comfortable?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Yeah, it's a good question. I've had a lot of success down here. I think it's pretty similar to south Florida golf, which is what I play most of the time and especially leading into the year. It's hard to be in a bad mood in the Bahamas, so I think taking that onto the golf course has treated me well.

