

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-9)



Q. Xander, that was a pretty unusual start for the day, six holes up and down on the scorecard. Did it feel that way out there?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it was a weird day. Really sloppy, another sloppy bogey at 1 and then hit a lot of really good iron shots today. I think for the first time I felt pretty comfortable with my irons in quite some time. Hit a tap-in on 6. Then that pin location on 4 was diabolical and somehow hit a 4-iron to pin high right and was able to make the putt. On 5 I hit my ball in the trees left, normally OK and we couldn't find it. Then three-putt the last. It was a lot of good, honestly, some really bad in there as well, but overall if someone told me I would shoot 65 on moving day, I would probably take it.

Q. Can you recall having a fairly volatile stretch like that?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, for sure. Two eagles in three holes, you don't get that opportunity too often with par 5s stacked that closely. Yeah, they were nice, a lot of good shots. I don't think anything was like too lucky there. If anything, that lost ball on that hole in the middle was a little unlucky.

Q. Do you feel like you played your way back into contention?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I'm assuming the leaders will end up, there's probably going to be a pack of guys from 14 or 15 I would say. Would need -- a bummer to three-putt the last there, would be nice to finish at 10. Yeah, if I can shoot something similar or a little bit better tomorrow, that would be great. May not be enough.

Q. How much help is it knowing you won here last year? How much does that help you tomorrow?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'm pretty far out of touch, but I remember last year was very bunched up. I remember being -- you weren't like the outright leader at any point. I think Michael was playing really well, he kind of ran off with the lead for a little bit. Then a bunch of guys were within two or three shots, Greyserman was right there the entire day. It's definitely a difficult course to run away on, I think, just without a lot of birdie opportunities out there.

Q. Also wanted to ask about the news about Jon Rahm earlier this week about leaving LIV Golf. How do you feel about that situation?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: He's clearly done whatever's best for himself just like all of us. I'm sure he'll just play DP is my guess, DP World Tour. I don't know if the Tour has offered

him a spot like they had that window before. Yeah, he's just doing whatever he thinks is best for himself, it's kind of that.

Q. PGA Tour has said that they're not planning to allow these guys to come back. Do you think that's what will actually happen or a compromise?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I've got no idea. There are 225 guys with Tour cards and if you sat down and interviewed all of them, you're going to get probably three or four boxes of how guys feel. Some guys don't care, some guys are really ticked off, some guys want them to have a huge fine, some guys would let them back tomorrow. Where I stand in those boxes, I don't really know. I'm in the sort of, I try to mind my own business most times.

Q. I'm sure you have a lot of family and friends following you out there today, gave them something to cheer about. Do you think that will increase the numbers tomorrow?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: There's no one new in the family, so we've got as many people out as we can. Yeah, it was nice to give them something to cheer for for once.

Q. Can I ask you, you talked pre-tournament in your interview about introducing your son to your grandparents for the first time. What was that experience like? Was it emotional? How did that go?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It was unique. My grandparents speak very broken English and I speak zero Japanese. It was an interesting meet just from the standpoint of like I couldn't communicate anything. I could tell them what his name was. But it was adorable, you have sort of fourth generation, you know, me and the first, and it was rare. And I think -- there was a lot of people at our gathering, there was probably 40 or 50 people and it was really, really special to be able to share that moment with my grandparents.