

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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XANDER SCHAUFFELE (-13)



Q. Xander, final round, great start to your round with birdie on 17 headed into 18. Kind of walk me through those final two holes.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I figured maybe 16 was enough for a playoff. It may not be, it may get to 17, so it was driver all day. Tough drive, but just a tight swing. I was hitting it pretty good for the most part and I had a tight swing up the left. Was hit in the hill and I think it hit somebody, actually stayed up on the hill, which was unfortunate but I shouldn't have hit there in the first place. So made a mess of it coming out of the trees there and I'm trying to hit it up on the green somehow. And yeah, no regrets on being aggressive trying to get myself in a spot to win.

Q. Being aggressive, were you talking with Kaiser, what was the game plan on 18?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it was driver in the fairway for starters, not in the trees. Then I think I hit driver, sand wedge when the tee was up the other day with similar winds, so didn't do my job the first time and definitely wasn't going to take my medicine the second time, so it led to a double bogey unfortunately.

Q. What's been kind of big takeaway this week?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I hit a lot of really good shots. I definitely played good enough golf to win this tournament. Looking back, I made a lot of lackluster bogeys off of fringes and things like that where just wasn't focused enough or head wasn't in it enough. Obviously I'd like a lot of those shots back at this point, but overall I think I struck it well and hit a lot of quality shots throughout the week, which was a nice thing to see after a downtick year in approach.

Q. And off the course, fans are great here, love Japan. How's it been, we've seen you at the presser, with your family.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, family's been awesome. I saw parts of my family throughout the course, and the fans have been awesome cheering me along. I know I'm not Japanese, but they kind of treat me like their own so I appreciate it very much.