

JOHN DALY: Yeah, I mean, I hit it really well. Of for me to say I only missed one fairway today with a driver's pretty good. I love my new Vertical Groove.

Q. Al Pollock was saying you got a new driver this week?

JOHN DALY: Yeah, it's actually Vertical Grooves. It's unbelievable. I'm hitting it so much further and straighter. It's like all I've got to do is just aim and hit it. No spin. I think I'm hitting it straighter than my putter actually.

Q. Did you have a chance to use that at the end of last year? I know you played in the Father-Son.

JOHN DALY: No, no, I started last week at the Diamond Resorts. I had it for about a week and a half, played around with it getting the right specs and everything and I had like three or four -- I went through three or four last week and I just tested them and I built one and bent it a little bit open and it's just incredible.

Q. How much playing around with that do you have to do before you feel comfortable with it?

JOHN DALY: Like any big driver, I mean a 7 on a Ping could be an 8 on a TaylorMade. You just never know. Luckily (inaudible) from Vertical Groove, he sent me about 20 heads and I built them all to kind of where I felt like it needed to be. I've got two or three really, really good ones right now that I could really trust. And I got to the point where I build it myself, I have all the stuff to do it. The driver's incredible.

Q. How about looking ahead to this year? You had half a year last year to kind of get acclimated to the tour. What are you looking forward to now that you've had a chance to play several events out here in '17?

JOHN DALY: Yell, I think just being on even ground. I mean, you sit there and you look and I come out in Houston, my first tournament and Bernhard's won over a million dollars, and you're going, well, you can't catch him. So for me to try and catch up, I played probably way too much than I should have. I still want to play overseas, I still want to play in a couple Tour events I love, Greenbrier and maybe Memphis, and of course the British and the PGA, and I would like to go over to Europe and play five or six. There was a stretch where I think I played 16 weeks in a row and that wore me out.

Q. Do you see yourself playing more on this tour or still splitting time?

JOHN DALY: Oh, no, definitely more on this tour. Like I said, I still love to play a couple of Tour events if I can get in them and definitely love to go to Czech, I may play Denmark this year, the two British Opens. For me, I love to go to Europe as well. But no, it will be a little different. I don't think I'll play as many this year, but -- in a row, but I'll probably play just the same amount of tournaments.

Q. What do you think of the course?

JOHN DALY: This one's great. It's in great shape. There's no excuses. I mean, fairways are perfect, the greens are perfect, just a matter of execution for me.

Q. Was there any particular moment or hole out there where you felt like this was going to be a good day?

JOHN DALY: No, not in this game. You never know. Just for me to have this much confidence in a driver, it really sets the tone for confidence in the other stuff. You know, for me out here, if I'm hitting it long and straight, I feel like it's an advantage. I hit nothing but wedges into all the par 4s today and that's something big for me, especially when you're hitting them out of the fairway.

Q. How hard of a decision was it to switch drivers?

JOHN DALY: I tested my TaylorMades that I had, my M1s, M2s. I tested my Pings, I tested a couple of Callaways and Titleists. I think with this smaller head with the Vertical Groove, I think I've got my clubhead speed back because the head's smaller and the sweet spot is smaller, but it just seems like the golf ball looks bigger to this head than it does to those big-headed drivers, I mean, the golf ball looks so small. For me, how am I going to hit this solid because the head's so big. The guys down there just did a marvelous job and I think when people start hitting this driver, where you're really going to see the big change is not just on a normal day, but when you're into the wind, there's no spinning, it just goes right through it.