

Q. Nice 64 today, Duffy. Birdie-birdie finish.

DUFFY WALDORF: Well, you know, obviously good to be back. I was a little bit struggling out there, especially with my driving on the front side. I just got my putter going. I made a putt on 10 and just followed up with, I mean, I made just a bunch of great putts on the back side. Every hole was kind of in the 10- to 18-foot range and knocked in six birdies on the back side. It didn't look like it was going to be that good a round after the front side, but I really got the putter going on the back.

Q. Different feeling this year from last year?

DUFFY WALDORF: Well, in some regard it's a similar feeling in the sense of my comfort level on the course. I felt comfortable on the course. I feel like it's a pretty big hill to climb when you know you've got to shoot a pretty good score, especially when the wind's down so you want to take advantage when you can. But it's a nice place to start. I think just being comfortable makes a big difference. And coming back here, even though I felt rusty, the comfort level was high so I was able to find my groove pretty quick.

Q. How big an advantage is it coming back as the defending champion and having played well here? I know you mentioned a comfort level.

DUFFY WALDORF: I think it's a big advantage. I think anywhere where you've had good rounds and had success, basically hit good shots and made putts, it's in your memory banks. It's obviously very fresh for me. I know it was a year. It seems not that long ago, so those memories feed off themselves. I think any good professional will take advantage of those good feelings and good images that you've built up.

Q. How much prep did you have after this season and coming in here?

DUFFY WALDORF: No prep. I played one round of golf and I had one practice session in two months. Then I played two pro-am days. That was my prep for Hualalai. I may have to stick to it.

Q. What would it mean for you to be able to repeat as champion here?

DUFFY WALDORF: Well, I mean, it would be great. I love playing in Hawaii. To win in Hawaii last year was a dream, and it's gravy now. If I'm in contention, I would love to be in contention on Sunday and have a chance and let the chips fall where they may.