

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JOHN DALY (-5)

Q. After what happened at Memphis, coming out here and post a great number, are you surprised or were you feeling a little bit better out there today?

JOHN DALY: Not surprised, but right now, for me a cart really helps not having to walk so much. I'm still waiting for the steroid shot to kick in, I've got two more days, so hopefully, you know. I'm not so worried about this week as much as I am next week in Colorado. I mean, this course is pretty hilly, but I think that's going to be a little more hilly. That scares me a little bit.

Q. What were you able to remember from two years ago and how did you find the golf course from what you remembered it?

JOHN DALY: Well, it was a little drier last time, but it's phenomenal how this course drains, though. With all the rain that they've had here, it's just amazing the golf course is even playable. Whoever built it did a good job on drainage, I can tell you that.

But the course was great. You know, kind of glad we did play lift, clean and place today, that helped a little bit because it was still a little wet. But most courses we wouldn't be playing today after all the rain.

Q. Where you're at now, does it change anything going forward? Are you just trying to focus on two more healthy rounds?

JOHN DALY: Yeah, hopefully. I mean, everything in my bag's brand new. I just switched to the PXGs in driver, 3-wood, hybrids, the new Ts, the 0311s and I love them and they were solid today. Everybody told me how great they were, now I really know how good they are.

No, I was very impressed with how the ball-striking was today for not really being able to practice much and play. I'm pretty pumped up about my new irons and my new woods from PXG, I'll tell you that.

Q. Did you know that was going to be the case when you tested them? Could you feel right away that these clubs are going to be something special?

JOHN DALY: Yeah. I mean, there's so many different sets that they have and I just went to the Ts, that's what a lot of guys told me to go to, and literally this is the first round I've played with them. I haven't been able to practice, I just got them the other day and had a buddy of mine put the heads in my old shafts and, you know, had the guys bend them with a

three-and-a-half flat and hit it pretty good today. We didn't get to play many holes yesterday.

Q. Are you going to go to the concert or are you going to watch the Hogs play baseball?

JOHN DALY: I'll be watching the Hogs, yeah. We don't -- we've been in it a few times, but this is -- we've got a special team this year. Great pitching, great offense, and I think we've really got a good chance. Florida will be tough tonight, though.

Q. It will be nice for Dave Van Horn to finally get a championship?

JOHN DALY: It would. I mean, he deserves one. We've come pretty close. The last few years -- we kind of had a down year last year, but the four, five years before that we've been in the top-20, top-15. But this year our guys are special. There's something going on that I just like what's happening and hopefully we can pull it off.