

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JOHN DALY (-5)

Q. Good round today.

JOHN DALY: Thank you.

Q. What a competitive grouping you were in. Did that help you guys at all along the way? That was a fun round it seemed like to watch.

JOHN DALY: Yeah, I got stuck on 11, hit a pretty decent drive, had a bad lie in the bunker, made bogey, but other than that it was a pretty solid round. Bernhard always plays good, so when he's playing good, making birdies, you kind of feed off of him. We're all hitting the ball pretty good. Miguel didn't get a couple up and down, but he played pretty good. When you play with Bernhard, you've got to play good. Somehow or another you've got to find a way because he's always going to shoot under par.

Q. You mentioned yesterday you were off to I guess work on the pacing of the round, Bernhard pacing himself in his own way. How did that go for you?

JOHN DALY: Actually, we played pretty quick. It was a lot quicker round than I thought we'd have. The guys moved out in front. The only hole we really waited was 14, and we didn't see Toms and Jesper and those guys until the 13th green. Our pace was pretty good. It was nice, it was just a nice pace, nice round for everybody today.

Q. And does it feel good to kind of get yourself into the weekend, do you feel a lot of confidence looking towards the next two rounds here?

JOHN DALY: I like the way I'm hitting it. You know, I didn't -- I left a lot on the table early in that front nine, but I hit the ball really well. If I keep doing that, hopefully make a few more putts. I figure 17, 17 to 20 seems to always win this week out here, so I've got a lot of work to do.

Q. A few years now playing this tournament. What's it like for you playing here in Boca?

JOHN DALY: It's nice. You can't beat the Florida weather. It's only my second time I've played here, but no, it's fun, the greens are good, the golf course is good. It's just not a lot of drivers for me, that's the only tough part, but other than that, no, like I say, you just hit the greens and you can make some putts. They're there, the greens are good enough to do it. I just didn't make too many, but I made a couple so I can't explain.

Q. How different is it for you now being here playing on this course versus last year, which was your first time here?

JOHN DALY: You learn a little bit. I know I can't hit driver on most of the holes. I've got to hit a lot of 2-rescues, a lot of 3-woods today. It just doesn't allow it. I'm a left-to-right player, so coming down the stretch it's a little tough. Nos. 15, 17 and 18 are really hook-draw holes and I've got to feed in there with a cut somehow, and the 3-wood just seems to work better than a driver.