

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JOEY SINDELAR: Always tastes better finishing on a birdie or something fun. You know, my round was a little messy today. Although the scores aren't quite as good, you get insulated when you're out there. You're in your own group of three and you understand what's happening to yourself and to the others with you, but when you look up at the scoreboard and you see that there's not a lot of lights-out stuff going on, you know that the guys are having a little bit of trouble.

Fairways were vastly more wet today than they were yesterday because of that downpour we got this morning. I think it just makes the ball a little harder to control. The greens are a little softer, a little bumpier, and all that adds up to the cup looking smaller ultimately. But finishing on a birdie is always good.

Q. A couple of the golfers call this course "humbling." Has that been the case for you?

JOEY SINDELAR: Well, you know, I think my wounds are self inflicted. If the course sat there and said, it's okay, here we are, I think the course is just perfect, but there's some really hard shots out there, no doubt about it. If you're not driving the ball straight, there's plenty of places you don't want to be. The driver's probably been the showoff for me this week and just got to try to do a little bit better tomorrow.

Q. Just at the beginning of the day with the rain, the times changing, how challenging is it for you as golfers do you think having to kind of mentally and physically refocus?

JOEY SINDELAR: Yeah, I'm going to say for our group, not. You know, we've been doing this a long time. We've done this time and time again. It's what happens a dozen times a year. You know, on the regular Tour, maybe at the end of a championship or major when the heat's on and it's the biggest stage, you don't want interruptions. But I think for what we're doing out here, man, I'm really sorry for the tournament folks that it's raining and let's get out there and play and have some fun so they can get their event in.

So the guys are really good about rolling with that. I mean, things change, right? But you don't know, did it change because I got better or did it change because I stunk? It changes both directions, it isn't always worse. It's one of those things you never know the answer to, but it's just part of our circus out here to have interruptions.

Q. How did you like being in the group with another fellow New Yorker?

JOEY SINDELAR: Where was I? Remind me.

Q. Flesch, isn't he from Union?

JOEY SINDELAR: No, no, he's Union, Kentucky. I struggled a lot today, but I thought if I missed that...

I won't ask you about the Mets after that comment. I'm a Mets fan.

Q. Being from Horseheads, you're only less than an hour away from there, what's it mean to play in Endicott and be around all these fans?

JOEY SINDELAR: Yeah, very fun. Very, very fun. Just great. You know, it's often the only time I see so many of these people and it's just very, very fun and they get very excited. They're very forgiving. I can't yet remember being booed. I deserved it plenty of times. But it's great. I had each of my sons caddie here, my dad's caddied here. Just the whole darn thing couldn't be better.