

JAY HAAS (-6)

Q. Your best round since --

JAY HAAS: Yeah, long time. Well, since I won at Newport Beach a year and a half ago at the end of 2016 and didn't have a very good -- I had a decent year last year, not what I wanted maybe, and then starting off this year I've been pretty poor. Haven't been 100 percent physically but I'm feeling better thanks to Dr. Van back at home, those guys taking care of me. Just being able to work at it because I feel a little bit better and that's basically the difference. And I putted well today but I hit it well, I did a lot of good things, have to to shoot 65.

Q. Yeah, what got into you today?

JAY HAAS: You know, I hit the ball well, hit a lot of good iron shots. I had, I don't know, four or five of them inside 10 feet. My distance control was really good. And I made some really nice putts and didn't really struggle at all with long putting or anything. I made a really nice one here at 18, it was a bonus there. Hit a beautiful 5-iron at 17 to about three feet, probably best shot I hit all day. You know, from start to finish. I hit a wedge to about four feet at No. 1 and in between there were a lot of good shots and nice putts.

Q. 17's one you would frame for this round?

JAY HAAS: Yeah, I would take that with me, for sure. But there were a lot of good ones, too. I hit a beautiful iron at No. 11 over the water there, went to the back edge 30 feet past the hole. That was one of my best shots of the day but it didn't -- the result wasn't there, but a nice 3 there. No bogeys, no 5s on the card. I can't remember the last time I did that, if ever. So it was a fun day.

Q. Are you aware that there's 36 tomorrow?

JAY HAAS: Yeah, I knew that before we started off, which it's not great but if it's bad weather on Sunday, nobody's going to come out and watch us anyway. And who knows if we even get to play, they're talking about an inch or two inches of rain. I don't know if there's lightning involved with that. We've done that before, we've canceled a round maybe about four years ago or something when Olin Browne won. We only got 36 in. The guys were saying we've got to play 54, so this gives us that opportunity. It will be a long day. Thankfully we can get in carts. This is a long walking golf course. I'm pretty whipped today. I didn't get in the cart today but I'll probably be in there a little bit tomorrow.

Q. Now, you'll be one of the elders here playing?

JAY HAAS: One of them, yeah. Tom's older, Tom Watson's older, Tom Kite.

Q. The guys you're playing with, Flesch, 13 years older, does that matter?

JAY HAAS: No, not really. If I play well, it doesn't. I don't think I can use it as an excuse or should use it as an excuse. If I'm out here playing and competing, then no, I don't think about those. I don't think that I'm as long as I used to be or my game's eroded a little bit, but there are times when I play well and today was one of them and hopefully tomorrow will be solid tee to green. I like what I'm doing. I got a nice little tip on the greens from Olin Browne yesterday afternoon and I bought him dinner last night. I guess I'm going to have to buy him dinner again.

Q. I guess there's no surprise that, well, obviously that Bernhard's up there?

JAY HAAS: Right.

Q. But even the guys who played well in the Masters, I don't know if you get kind of a running start coming here?

JAY HAAS: I think Augusta's a very long golf course. I think everything's a little magnified there, a little tougher, a little longer, a little faster greens. You know, a little tighter maybe, all that different stuff. So you come here and you think, wow, this is a piece of cake. It's not, I don't think, but I think the guys obviously were playing well. Bernhard made the cut and played pretty solidly. Freddie made the cut, played solid. I'm not sure if Sandy did or not. I think just the fact that they were playing and practicing and working on their games a little bit rather than just showing up. No surprise. I mean, they're Hall of Fame guys, so not a surprise when they play well.