

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**JOHN DALY**

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**Q. How is it being back here at Warwick Hills?**

**JOHN DALY:** It brings back so many good memories. All the guys, most of the guys, we played here in the '90s and up to, what, 2008. The course has always been great and they've got the best fans pretty much on this tour, so it's going to be a great week.

**Q. What are some of those memories?**

**JOHN DALY:** Well, Vijay beat me two times. We both played great. Just the golf course, we all like it. It's an old, traditional golf course, kind of risk-reward getting off the tee. If you hit the driver straight, (inaudible.)

**Q. Vijay said you brought that up to him the other day. What did you say to him?**

**JOHN DALY:** I think I went eagle -- I hit my 9-iron, wedge into the second hole for eagle. Then I went birdie, birdie, birdie, and he -- we were even. He was 4 under and I was 7 after five or something. He said, "If you want it that bad, take it, kid."

**Q. Fred Couples said he doesn't play a lot anymore, but he wouldn't have missed this.**

**JOHN DALY:** I think just the golf course and the people and the old memories we've had. It's a golf course, if you play really good, you can make some birdies on, get some confidence in the game. The greens are really good, the fairways are really good. And we don't see -- we can see a little bit of golf courses like this on the Champions Tour. The old, traditional golf courses, I just love them. And I had some success here, even makes it even better.

**Q. How are your knees doing?**

**JOHN DALY:** The knees are okay, I'm just fighting sciatica right now.

**Q. You had a pretty fun week, I saw a lot of people at the Lions game, so you've been hanging out with Kid Rock, some extracurricular activities making this week even more enjoyable?**

**JOHN DALY:** Yeah, we had some fun. We had a special night the other night, Kid Rock's new restaurant in Detroit celebrated the one-year anniversary. We had a blast. And my friends, being able to hang out with him, he's so gracious letting my buddies hang out.

General Motors guys are here and they're right on the stage, Chris and my buddy, it was just -- him singing with Uncle Kracker and all the guys, it's so cool. It was just awesome.

**Q. Will Kid Rock be here this weekend to watch you?**

**JOHN DALY:** I don't know. I got him tickets. If he did, it would probably be Saturday, but I don't think he's going to make it.

**Q. Can you wait for the 17th hole? It's going to get quite a reception for you.**

**JOHN DALY:** Oh, it's one of the greatest, especially if you're playing good. I love it, it gets really loud and noisy and crazy and it's a lot of fun.

**Q. We know you had fun with Kid here through the years, but how about Flint and the area? What do you remember, where did you go, any hangouts, any special memories from the city at all?**

**JOHN DALY:** Well, I usually hang around with kid Clark son, we go to the Clarkston Union restaurant. That thing is so good, we went there four nights in a row last time we were here, I think.

**Q. Have you had the mac & cheese?**

**JOHN DALY:** Oh, yeah, and the meatloaf is really good there, too.

**Q. You're doing it right, man.**

**JOHN DALY:** Oh, yeah, we're having fun.

**Q. How did you hit 'em out here? How's the course playing, how are you playing?**

**JOHN DALY:** It's in great shape. Fighting the sciatic nerve, it wasn't a lot of fun playing today, but we had a great group, we made it fun.

**Q. Do you have any crazy pro-am stories from over the years, something you saw from one of your amateurs they did or said?**

**JOHN DALY:** One time my amateur hit a tee ball, it went between his legs, hit the score sign, dribbled down, went on his cart and it was spinning on the drive shaft.

**Q. It came back between his legs?**

**JOHN DALY:** He hit it, the ball went that way. It's like a 20-second process. We're trying to look at his ball, we see it, it's spinning on the drive thing of the golf cart.

**Q. Do you think we'll ever see Tiger Woods on this tour, the Champions?**

**JOHN DALY:** I don't know, I don't know. It would be great. Eight more years.

**Q. Was it a no-brainer for you when you heard this was going to be here, was it a no-brainer?**

**JOHN DALY:** Oh, everybody's excited. All the guys on this tour are so excited we're here. We just love it. It's great fans, great people. And hanging out with Ally guys, we can't thank them enough for sponsorship and what they've done, all the other sponsors involved. Everybody just loves coming out here to watch golf here, it's crazy, I love it.

**Q. Some of the guys we've talked to, we just talked about the difference between the atmosphere on the PGA TOUR versus the champions. What about it do you like? Guys have mentioned the camaraderie, the fact that you're out here playing, having fun because you love it, you love to compete.**

**JOHN DALY:** Yeah, and what's great about our Tour, you've got two-hour window tee times, so all the fans can actually see just about everybody play. They've got 13 groups on the front, the back, so we're all kind of together. It just makes it more fun for the fans. Like I said, we just love it here.