ROUND 2 INTERVIEW June 22, 2019



DUFFY WALDORF (-10)

Q. What a great round today. Can you start us off with some opening comments, please?

DUFFY WALDORF: Well, I started out shaky. Made some good saves. Started playing really well in the middle of the front side. In a weird twist of fate on 9, I think it in the end worked out pretty well for me, I went for the green in a bad lie and two shots to get out of the bunker, made a 12-footer for par. I think that kept me steady.

Played nice and steady on the back, didn't make a ton of putts but kept the ball in play and birdied the par 5s. It was a clean round; no bogeys, five birdies. I believe I birdied three of the three par 5s, so it was a clean round. I scrambled well and kept the ball in front of me and didn't make a bunch of mistakes.

Q. What was the state of your game coming in here, and have you exceeded any expectations to this point or is this about where you thought you were hoping to be?

DUFFY WALDORF: I probably exceeded my expectations by about 10 shots. What am I, 10 under? I've been kind of a par golfer this year. I've been playing -- I've been trending better, though. My last few tournaments I've been playing better. I've been struggling with my hitting. Yesterday I struggled with my hitting, which isn't a surprise after a week off. But it started clicking on the range. The weather warmed up and I started swinging better today. I hit a lot more better shots, better drives, and just was in position more and was able to go for par 5s, which was something new. Something new that I haven't been driving it well enough to do that. All in all, today was a good day for ball-striking and staying in the tournament.

Q. This tournament embraces the guys who played well in Milwaukee, the former champions, and you guys who came through there that were loyal to that tournament. Do you have any affects for Wisconsin and do you get good vibes coming back here at this age?

DUFFY WALDORF: Yeah, I do miss Kopps. I wish we had that tournament back in Milwaukee. With the early start tomorrow, though, I might head to Kopps on the way to South Bend, so excited about that. Really, Friday fish fry and brats and beer on the weekend on the barbecue, and then going to Kopps on an almost daily basis, pretty much maybe need a diet after every trip to Wisconsin. I've been doing better, but I'm kind of old now so I can't eat as much custard.

I think I'm looking forward to Monday, and I had a long relationship with Miller Brewing

Company in the '90s, so I've always loved Wisconsin. A lot of time in Milwaukee. This tournament's taken over well. It's well attended, it's really a big event with a lot of fun things to do. It's kind of become a premier event in Wisconsin.

Q. Could you feel the vibe out there with Jack on the grounds?

DUFFY WALDORF: Yeah, Jack and Toby, I guess. I wish I was young enough to go see Toby Keith. In a sense I was just too tired yesterday after my travels and the early round. It's great to have the big names out. I got to talk to Jack for a moment today. It's good to see him healthy and out here playing.

Q. Lastly, 7:15 is when the tee times start tomorrow, 9:15 is when the leaders go off. I know it's not normal out here. How does the body adjust at this age?

DUFFY WALDORF: My body adjusts poorly, especially I come from the west coast, so I was pretty happy with the day. I slept in until 8:30 and got another half hour in there. If I don't oversleep my tee time, I guess I'll be okay.