

**JOHN SMOLTZ ( +1)**

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**Q. So yesterday, really up and down, and then today it seemed more consistent for you until you got to that last hole. Can you just tell me about your round?**

**JOHN SMOLTZ:** Yep, 9 and 18 have been the undoing. That's 5 over par. Otherwise, I would be playing the course pretty good. I felt much more comfortable today and hit a lot better shots, I just didn't hit them close enough. It's funny, I hit five birdies yesterday and hit it all over the place, and today I hit almost every fairway, so getting closer.

**Q. So two completely different days. Are you surprised by how you're playing or do you think this is pretty on par with --**

**JOHN SMOLTZ:** No, I really thought I was coming in here, felt like I could play under par and that I could play this golf course. One more day to prove that. I was under par both days all the way until the end. It's much easier closing baseball games than it's been closing out the golf tournament.

**Q. Have you found that who you play with has made a difference at all?**

**JOHN SMOLTZ:** Yeah, anybody I get a chance to play with out here is awesome. Just watching their game and seeing how they manage it has helped me a lot. Today I didn't have the jitters that I had yesterday, and I anticipate tomorrow will be even better. A couple things I want to work on and get a little better at, but for the most part my putting's been great and today I felt like I was in control of every shot.

**Q. Was there anything that one player said in particular throughout the weekend that you're like, oh, yeah, I'm glad I'm here to hear that?**

**JOHN SMOLTZ:** Yeah. The biggest thing is the confidence they're giving me, you know, telling me get out here as often as you can. That part is -- that's inspiring because they feel like I have the game to play out here. So once I get a few more reps under my belt and under the gun, I think I'll learn what I need to learn.