

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**January 17, 2019**



**JOE DURANT (-7)**

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**Q. Great round, a birdie at the end there.**

**JOE DURANT:** Thank you.

**Q. How was the wind today?**

**JOE DURANT:** It was tricky, especially the last couple days it was pretty benign for here, so when we got out there today, what was 10 to 15 felt like 30 at times. Tricky with the pins being a little more difficult. The greens rolled nicely, but that wind, it was tough. You had to hit some really good shots.

**Q. What clubs were working for you today?**

**JOE DURANT:** Well, I drove the ball really nicely today, which set the golf course up for me, and I hit some good iron shots early. I rolled it good. I mean, every part of my game was really solid today.

**Q. Did you have anything coming in to think if you had a 65 in the bag for the first round of the year?**

**JOE DURANT:** Well, no, not necessarily. I did play really well in the pro-am yesterday, but you never know until the flag goes up and you start playing tournament rounds. All new equipment in my bag except for my wedges and my putter. That can be a little disconcerting under game day, not sure if they're going to work right, but so far, so good.

**Q. Did the new rules, did you take advantage of any of those or just play like you normally do?**

**JOE DURANT:** Yeah, none came into effect today fortunately, but I'm sure I'll be one of those guys that's going to call an official the first time something does, make sure I don't screw up. They had a nice clinic for us, the officials did, Tuesday afternoon -- I guess it was Tuesday afternoon -- to kind of go through everything with us, but it's going to take a little getting used to, for sure.

**Q. Talk about your bounce-back on 18 after 16 where you bogey and then you go into 17, get the birdie at 18. What was the mentality there?**

**JOE DURANT:** Well, 16 I hit the iron shot about where I thought I was going to, but the putt, that's one of the slower putts on the golf course and I just didn't hit it near hard enough, so I

left myself a six- or seven-footer, which I hit a good stroke, but just didn't make it. Hit a good putt on 17, didn't go in. But finishing with a birdie on 18, that makes dinner taste a lot better tonight.