

JOE DURANT (-5)

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**Q. Well, you sniffed the lead for a little bit there. Back nine, parred in.**

**JOE DURANT:** Yeah, I missed a couple short putts for birdies I could have made, but you know, based upon the state of my game at the beginning of the week, I'm very pleased with how I finished because I wasn't playing particularly well. Just due to the tough conditions, was grinding it out. Today I actually hit some good shots at times. You know, just got to keep hanging around, that's the thing.

**Q. As you look back, what were the missed opportunities?**

**JOE DURANT:** Well, I missed a short putt on 13 and on 15, probably three-footers for birdie. 15 was a little longer. I made some good putts on the front, so I can't just totally isolate those two. Like I said, I didn't hit the ball particularly well the first two days, but just kept hanging around, hanging around, you know. Then played a little better today. Weather was obviously much better for it today, too. Try again next week.

**Q. Looks like Scott's safely in, so he should be in good shape. I don't know if -- I don't know how you look at Scott's game, he's a nine-time winner out here now. How big of a force is he out here that people maybe don't realize?**

**JOE DURANT:** Obviously he's one of the best players out here. He's won a lot of tournaments, he's contended for the Schwab Cup the last couple years. I mean, a guy every week that you know is going to be on that leaderboard. That's definitely one of the contenders every week.

**Q. What about his game that is --**

**JOE DURANT:** Well, he's long, he hits a long way off the tee still. He's a good iron player, he makes his share of putts. He just doesn't make a lot of mistakes. When he gets on a roll, he can make a lot of birdies and some eagles, too. Got a lot of offense, which is what you need out here.

**Q. At the start of the day, were you even thinking about trying to catch him?**

**JOE DURANT:** Well, sure, you're trying. I felt like if I could go out and shoot a front nine like I did and just put myself in position, you never know. You just don't know. Just couldn't seem to maintain that momentum on the back nine. Had my chances, but just didn't capitalize.