

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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JOHN DALY

Q. How are you feeling, John? I know you've got the knee in a wrap there, but how are you feeling just generally about this week?

JOHN DALY: I feel all right. You know, I'm getting the surgery done, a half knee replacement. The docs okayed it for the end of the season, so however far I go with it after Sherwood or trying to get into Phoenix would be great, but I've got a long way to go. It's only a six-week recovery and I'll be back hopefully for the Father-Son.

Q. Sioux Falls, you got a good taste of it last year.

JOHN DALY: Got a good taste of the rain last year, too.

Q. Slightly better weather. I know last year you were at the Sanford Gala, you were up on stage playing, singing some songs. Are you keeping a lower profile this year or what?

JOHN DALY: Well, we were going to try to make it yesterday but our flight got cancelled in Chicago, so they rerouted us to Omaha. We didn't get here until 8:30. It would have been pretty hard. We had to drive up.

Q. Last year you had to withdraw on Saturday. Are you looking to have some staying power this year and be in the hunt?

JOHN DALY: I hope so. I mean, I'm hitting it all right. The body just doesn't allow me to practice, with the knees, the way I want to. I can hit a lot of wedges, but trying to pinch 5-irons and 4-irons and stuff that you need a lot of out here in some of the par 5s, some of the par 3s, I'm not quite as good as I used to be with that. We'll see how it goes, we'll have some fun.

Q. What do you remember about the course and just your thoughts coming back here for a second year? What do you remember from a year ago?

JOHN DALY: It's a fun golf course because every hole's different. There's not one same hole. A lot of courses sometimes you play, they go kind of north, south, east, west together, you get a lot of similarities, but here it's a lot different. If you hit the driver straight and you hit a lot of fairways, you can score well on it because the greens are good.

Q. Looking forward to seeing Jack later in the week?

JOHN DALY: Is he doing the Saturday thing again?

Q. Yep.

JOHN DALY: I played with Kid when he got back. We played Sunday and he said he played with Jack and him and Bobby won that thing. Jack chipped in on the playoff hole.

Q. A little drama from Nicklaus?

JOHN DALY: Kid's like 5-0 with Jack. He says he's not -- so I said, "Well, if I ever get to do this, are you going to be my partner?" He says, "No, I'm playing with Jack until he's gone." So I've got to find me a new partner.

Q. Your son just won a tournament recently I saw, the junior circuit. What do you see in his game from your game?

JOHN DALY: Well, the game's so different now, I think the game's more in the wrist, that's why these kids are hitting so far. The new era of golf, a 9-iron's like a 6-iron now, all their clubs are so strong. I mean, my son's 9-iron is like a 6 1/2, 7-iron, they make them all strong. And the ball's so good all you've got to do is just hit it. I've been trying to get my son to hit these little three-quarter shots, he has no interest in them.

Q. Grip it and rip it?

JOHN DALY: He just grips it and hits it as hard as he can, and that's kind of the way the game is. It's more of kind of hitting the golf ball as hard as you can instead of kind of working it like we were taught with a balata ball. Totally different game.

Q. What advice do you give your son? Is he going on the same path you did?

JOHN DALY: I can't give him any. I just tell him, "If you do the opposite of what I did, son, you'll be another Jack Nicklaus."