

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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JOE DURANT (-6)

Q. Joe, I think they say three out of the four years you played here you've either been tied for first or in first place by yourself. You must like this course.

JOE DURANT: I do, it just sets up nice to my eye. It's a beautiful golf course and it's very challenging. The tee shots seem to set up well for me, but the greens are maybe as quick as I've ever seen them here. You really have to put the ball in the right spots. I played very nice today. With the wind swirling like it was, I'm really happy.

Q. I heard someone say clean scorecard. What was really working for you out there today?

JOE DURANT: I made a couple of good par putts. You're going to have to make a few four-, five-, six-foot par putts no matter how good you play and I played a couple, made a real good putt on the last hole, probably about a 10-footer. But I controlled the ball nicely, I hit a lot of fairways and greens and that's what you have to do around here.

Q. You set yourself up for Saturday and Sunday being at the top of the charts. What does that do for you mentally?

JOE DURANT: Done this long enough, Friday's just one day. Especially in a three-day tournament, you've got to go out and shoot three good numbers. Fortunate to put one on the board, but I know I have to back it up with a couple of good days because you can get passed very quickly out here.

Q. You said you enjoy playing this course, I've heard that from a lot of people. What about it is so great?

JOE DURANT: Just everything. It's just a beautiful facility. It's one of the hardest, best tracks we play all year. The whole tournament's just fantastic. The hospitality everybody extends to us, just to get a chance to play this course. I never played it until I turned 50 and I wish I would come over here much sooner to play it.