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AN INTERVIEW WITH JOHN DALY

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Q. John, can you just tell us about Mr. Hardy's tournament how it stepped up in the last few years, where it goes from here?

JOHN DALY: I think it's one of those tournaments where he took to heart every thing ever player said, and everything every player wanted to do and beyond that. The clubhouse and the media center. I know you guys are spoiled this week as well.

There is so much for the players to do, not outside of golf, you know. I've heard nothing but great things from a lot of the players. That's why we have such a great field here this week because what he has done, what he and Maggie have done.

Q. How about as far as the course itself?

JOHN DALY: Oh, it's just super. I mean, people don't realize the greens are only about four months old. I remember coming here during the Pro outing for 84 Lumber, Little Gerard (phn), the fairway on 18, had just been sodded, and it looks like it's been there for years. I know he wants to do a few more changes to the course. But I think you are going to have -- it's going to be the best venue on TOUR outside a Major, I really believe that. I think the players will come here and see it, and are going to believe it as well.

Q. I got to ask you what happened?

JOHN DALY: I am a little disappointed with my figures. But, you know, I felt like I hit the ball really well this week. I just didn't close it coming down the stretch, like it would have mattered, Vijay is going nuts right now. But it feels good. I'm just glad the weather held out. It's unbelievable the change of the tournament from last year to this year. I mean, the spectators and everything. You couldn't ask for a better venue.

Q. The field too, can you talk about the field?

JOHN DALY: I begged a lot of players. I owe a lot of favors. But I think everybody wanted to come here anyway. They heard about the changes. It's was great. Everybody involved in 84 Lumber, they kept letting the players know by mail what the changes were and what's going on, showing pictures and everything. I think that's something a lot of tournaments ought to do when they change courses, do it month by month and let the players know. I think that helped a lot getting a lot of players here, not just me. Like I say, it's going to get better and better. That's the way dad wants it, so that's the way it's going to be.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JOHN DALY: I think it will be just as good if not better. I don't know how much better you can you get it. I think we'll see the Top-50 in the world next year.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JOHN DALY: He owes me.

Q. How about the timing of the event in September as opposed to July and August?

JOHN DALY: This is the perfect time for it. I think next year, you don't have the Ryder Cup to deal with it. I think you will see everybody here next year. From what the players are telling everybody. You know, what's great about this place, is the spa is so nice. The wives get on the husband's back and say, uh-huh, we're playing. I'm going to the spa. We got the wives working on it as well.

Q. The crowd has been noticeably larger this year from last year, you got to be pleased with that?

JOHN DALY: Oh, yes, I think with all of the changes with the weather, too. The weather has just been absolutely awesome this week. That helped an awful lot too. I think people are curious. They wanted to see the changes, and they want to see some golf. It's probably tripled from last year.

Q. What have you heard from some of the other golfers, talk about the field or the course.

JOHN DALY: Some that I talked to say they played last year, they think it's great what he has done. They can't waited to come back. The other guys that played loved it. I think it's just going to get better. I know dad wants to make a few more things to the course, get with Pete and help him, do some changes. Just little things that can draw a little more eye and maybe just make the golf course even better.

Q. Going up 18, the fans gave you a nice ovation, besides winning, it had to be a great way to end your tournament?

JOHN DALY: I felt like I won. No, the fans are great. They have been wonderful here this week. I think, like I said, it's going to get better and better as thing goes on.

Q. Mr. Hardy's support for you has been unwavering?

JOHN DALY: He's been like a dad. So has Maggie, Maggie has been like a sister. I have known most of the people that work for 84 Lumber. We are all a family. That's why this tournament works so well, it's family run. They do it the way they want to do it with the TOURS' help, and you can't get a better combo than that.

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