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AN INTERVIEW WITH JOE DURANT

THE MODERATOR: Welcome, Joe, thanks for coming into the interview room. 11-under par with a birdie on the 18th hole. Why don't you just give some general comments on the round.

JOE DURANT: Pretty much helter-skelter for me today. It was very difficult from the very first shot. The wind today was very gusty. I guess the only thing that was consistent was the wind direction, but beyond that the velocity was all over the place today. I just tried to stay real patient most of the day.

THE MODERATOR: Any questions?

Q. 5 pars?

JOE DURANT: Is that what I had? I have no idea. I was trying to hold on more than anything today.

Q. What did you think, Joe, when you got to tee off, and you saw Chris at 12, what did you think when you saw that number? Did it make you think that there were probably good scores out there?

JOE DURANT: It made me think there were some good scores early because I can just tell warming up on the range today it was going to be very difficult. I was hitting pitching wedges 70 yards in the teeth of the wind.

The first hole, I hit it down the middle of the fairway maybe 115 yards, hit a knock down 7-iron, didn't even come close to reaching the front end of the green. I said uh-oh, this is going to be a long day today.

It's very difficult. The afternoon especially was gusty and you just had to stay very patient.

Q. Are you pleased how you did today, all things considered?

JOE DURANT: In some respects, yes. The thing I was most pleased with I never got too down on myself. I got back to 8-under par at one point, you just can't give up, you just have to hang in there.

I was fortunate to birdie the last to get in the last group tomorrow.

Q. People say the latest thing seemed like the worse, one of the caddies said he thought it was one of the worse wind conditions since the British Open?

JOE DURANT: It was very difficult. I can compare it to the TPC maybe last year on the last day. It was warmer. But it was just so gusty. Sometimes you would get over a putt, you would think you were in middle of a calm, and all of a sudden it would come out of no where, like 30 miles an hour, it would make it very difficult to get steady over the ball and the greens. The putting was very tricky.

Q. Joe, do you have any other example of how different the course played today using the club you hit in today compared to yesterday?

JOE DURANT: Well, No, 1, I hit a little sand wedge into one yesterday. I hit a 7-iron today and couldn't get there.

2, I had no chance of reaching the green in two.

I hit a driver off of 4. Usually I hit a 3-iron off of there.

It was kind of like when we used to play here in March. It was that type of velocity. It used to blow so hard here in March. The only thing we lacked was about a 60 degree day. Everything else was pretty much the same.

Q. What did you hit on 6?

JOE DURANT: Well, 5, the par-4 into the wind, I hit a driver, 3-iron and barely got it there.

6, I hit it in the first cut. If I hit it in the fairway I could have reached it with a 6-iron. So it was just humming at that point.

7, I only had about 90 yards, I hit an L-wedge into that hole.

Q. What were you thinking after 10, talk about your birdie there.

JOE DURANT: Well, I made a good birdie on seven. And eight and nine, I thought I hit good shots and made bogey. 10, I hit a good shot in the green and ended up making bogey. I thought this was something else. Am I going to break 80 today, or what?

I have to say the shot of the day for me was on 12, I pulled my pitching wedge left of the green, I had a really tough lie with a flop shot back up into the wind, and I hit it. Once the shot hit the green it broke about four feet and went right in the hole. That really kind gave me some momentum to hang in there.

Q. (Inaudible)?

JOE DURANT: The next hole I made about a 40-footer. It came at a good time that's for sure.

Q. Now everybody wants to know that you shot 73 today, now you can tell them?

JOE DURANT: That's right, no pictures.

Q. Have you ever heard of a guy making the cut on number and one day later he is leading?

JOE DURANT: Not recent memory, no. But today was a perfect example of what can happen out here. A guy gets out early, shoots a great round, and the conditions toughen up a little bit and there you go.

I really felt like once when I teed off, if I could be 12, 13-under, 14 under, I was going to have quite a really good round of golf.

Casey told me the scoring trail, the last 10 groups, I don't know if was there a round under par the last 10 groups. He said the first 10 groups there might have only be two rounds over that were par or worse.

Q. Do you think we can see that tomorrow, the same?

JOE DURANT: I haven't seen a weather forecast. I can't imagine it's going to blow as hard tomorrow. You never know.

Q. They are going two tees tomorrow?

JOE DURANT: Yes.

Q. With the cut line, with the split, you could have somebody who goes off really early, and not that far behind?

JOE DURANT: The only differences, Doug, everybody is playing at the same time basically tomorrow. Versus today, a guy got off at 7:15 this morning in a two some.

I was coming to the golf course, guys were already done having lunch and going back out to hit balls, which is a position that I haven't been in a while. I'm usually the one that's going out there to practice.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions? Thanks.
