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**84 LUMBER CLASSIC**  
**Nemacolin Woodlands Resort**  
**Mystic Rock Golf Course**  
**Farmington, Pa**

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**Second-round leader quotes**

**AN INTERVIEW WITH JOEY SINDELAR**

THE MODERATOR: Thanks Joey Sindelar for coming in after his 3-under 69 in the second round of the 84 Lumber Classic. Joey, rounds of 68 and 69, 7-under for the tournament, three back of the leader right now in the clubhouse. **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

It looks like the wind picked up a little bit this afternoon, do you think maybe the conditions are getting a little more difficult.

JOEY SINDELAR: Yes. That wind thing is breaking my heart, you know, because those greens are going to bake out even more quickly.

You know, it was funny the transition. I played here last year, played four rounds, came in Wednesday morning played the Pro-Am in the afternoon and the greens were just paved, you know, as you heard.

We didn't know what to expect Thursday. Again we were in the afternoon shift yesterday. So it was like, well, if they watered them some, they're going to dry out. Nobody wanted to be the first guy to hit a golf ball into the green on the first round because we didn't know what to expect.

I think we are all getting more used to it. Let's face it, the first year for new greens, this is not a surprise. This is just what it is. You probably heard it a hundred times. They've done their best to try to, you know, to try to put the pins reasonable without being duck pins. But breeze is what makes this tough, because you're already doing so wild calculations of where you wanted to land the ball versus the pin, you never want to get within seven or eight steps, if possible. And now the wind is blowing and you are adding that into the equation, so it will be a little bit interesting, but it was fun.

Q. You got your birdies, two of them the first five holes?

JOEY SINDELAR: Before the wind.

Q. Yes. And then even keel the rest of the way pretty much?

JOEY SINDELAR: Yes. And certainly, I'm in no position to be protecting my lead, but it's a golf course. We are just not comfortable yet, you know. We don't have

enough history. So if you are not just where you need to be, you're going to play the safe shot. At least I was. That's why you see the kind of card, no bogeys today and just two yesterday. I was unwilling -- I don't know, on every golf hole there is good/bad and bad/bad. Where is the good miss? Where is the bad miss? I don't know that yet on this golf course. So I try to just, you know, be aggressive when I could but otherwise back it off and so far so good.

Q. You had a bit of resurgence this year with your first victory in over 13 years, that's awesome.

JOEY SINDELAR: Thank you.

Q. You are 43rd on the money list, with six events or so left, is THE TOUR Championship in your mind?

JOEY SINDELAR: Actually, my sights aren't even that high yet, although they should be. The Masters qualification is huge. My boys, I think it's been since '91 or 2, since I've been there which means my oldest was just two years old. Something I just badly want them to experience. So, yes, that's big on my mind. I'm going to play this tournament plus 4 to try to get there. And, of course, if I should stumble my way to THE TOUR Championship that will be fun as well.

Q. The wind out there, is that a helpful wind for the most part, 16, 17, 18, is or is it troublesome?

JOEY SINDELAR: Well, when the greens are like this new, again no fault for anybody, the coverage of grass they got is spectacular. But the rules are almost opposite. It's almost easier into the wind, and more difficult downwind. Although the wind downwind on 16, I ended up hitting a baby 9-iron in for my second shot. But then you are looking at 17, going well, I just got to squeeze this over the water to stop it to the back of the green. 18 is the same way. We are hitting wedges in there and not getting within 30 feet.

We are not going to look particularly good this week on some of our shots. If it gets breezy, breezy, it's really going to be tough.

Q. How much did you have on 16?

JOEY SINDELAR: 16, 143 to the front plus 7. So 150. It was downwind left-to-right. I had the wedge out twice. I didn't do it.

Q. I saw you back off.

JOEY SINDELAR: Yes, and just took the three-quarter 9. In hindsight, either one would have worked but I went for the safe, trying to let my experience show through. But sometimes we like to override it, and do the stupid thing anyway.

Q. Anybody else?

JOEY SINDELAR: And I will say, I just talked to television out there, you are going to see odd things on the green. We don't have history. And on the greens, the lowest pockets, you know, where the water and the growth and the fertilizer has run. The grass is thick and turfy. And then on the higher spots, it's a little more bald.

So not only do we not understand where the subtle slopes are, the speeds are changing from place to place. So it's tough. I just had a 35-footer on 18, downhill. I thought down and breaking left, and the first part of it went that way. You know, it's five feet off line and four feet short. But you are going see it. It's just the nature of the newness.

Q. After 16, did you take it over the bunker on 18 with that wind?

JOEY SINDELAR: That's what we were all standing there debating. The medium long hitters, say the guys who can hit it 290 in the air without the wind, now downwind you are up to 300 and it's pretty hot. So both 16 and 18 are right on the edge. I'm not sure 18 was doable. 16 was doable today. But we didn't know that on the tee. We are learning all of these things as we go.

Q. David Toms said the other day he never seen Bent grass greens, new ones, this hard, he wasn't sure?

JOEY SINDELAR: He is a Southerner, what does he know about Bent grass greens? But I don't know. To me, whenever I see a new green, it's always that. We went through that at Bay Hill, a different kind of grass. He is right.

But generally speaking on new greens, the ball likes to grab into that second layer of roots and that's what really helps it, and they are not there yet. Usually we see the ball comes in and hits, and it's funny, it doesn't even bounce, it hits and goes immediate to roll on brand new greens. These are exceptionally hard. I think they are very dense, and they got great growth. Spectacular growth. It's just painful for a year. That's just the way it is.

Q. Just go through your card, birdie on one?

JOEY SINDELAR: I'm sorry, I'm not too familiar with the course. I've only played six rounds here and we're starting on opposite tees.

One, you know, was a terrible experience turned good for me. You are into the sun in the morning, that's a tough one, and I leaked it out right, down in that bunker, 55 yards to the front and seven more yards. Just what you don't want. But I have been working -- those of you who know me, know that I have been working incredibly hard on the short game, and learned from guys like, in this case, Tom Pernice taught me that shot, taught me how to do it. Now, I haven't practiced it any in a long, long time, I did at the beginning. But I was able to go in there with a pitching wedge and blast it like a bunker shot. Normally I prefer to trap it, but I was too close to trap it, splashed it. It buzzed up there, landed about four steps short, went behind it and drew back about 10 feet short and made it.

So that was a dream come true. Not just the birdie, but the fact that I have a technique that allows me to do something I couldn't do until a year ago. That was fun.

The next birdie was the par-5, I chopped lumber. I chopped 84 Lumber, is that true? I hit it -- that tee shot left grows on you, there is that hazard over there. So everybody is hugging that right corner. I left it out a little. I either hit the cart pack, or the rock or something, got up in there, chipped it down to 140 front. Again, the pin was back left. But I was able to land the ball in the front third and it just caught the slope and fed down to about five feet, or four feet and got that one.

16, was the driver, 9-iron, 2-putt from, let's say, 30 feet. It wasn't pretty. I probably actually hit the ball better yesterday. But I don't know whether the course was a little tougher, or I was just not quite in sync. I am just as pleased today as yesterday.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.