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Quick Quotes

Q. Just wanted to talk to you about that really unusual situation early in the round today. Is it something that's ever happened to you before? When did you find out? What sort of reaction did you have when you found out?

JOEL DAHMEN: Bizarr-o. Never happened to me before. I travel with 15, 16 clubs. I think most people out here do depending on conditions and courses.

You know, been traveling out here for a long time and never happened before. I'd like it blame Geno. That would be the easy thing to do. It's not his fault either. I played Tuesday and Wednesday out here. We didn't see it in there. It was an extra 4-iron, so I had two 4-irons in the bag.

Why, I don't know. I don't know how it got there. It sucks. It sucks at the spot I'm in as well. Yeah, we got to 4 tee and I grabbed a water and I walked over to my bag and I saw a 4-iron that was in the wrong spot and our stuff is always in the right spot. It wasn't in the right spot.

You know, you just want to get so mad and you want to get mad at everything. At the same time, just got to keep playing golf, and I didn't do a great job of that afterwards.

It's tough to refocus. Shot 1-over if you take the penalties away, which is not very good out here today. Frustrating, disappointing, but if you play golf long enough weird stuff will happen out here.

Q. When you saw the extra 4-iron what was the first feeling, reaction?

JOEL DAHMEN: I think there might have been a couple curse words, but I had a lot of people out supporting me today, helping our family foundation. It was one of those moments where you like want to lose it and you want to get mad, be mad at yourself, be mad at Geno, be mad at the world.

But you look around and people are donating a bunch of



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money to our foundation and life is not that bad. It's a mistake. It's going to happen. Unfortunately happened at this moment in time.

But, yeah, just stripped one down the middle after that and had plenty of birdie putts; we just didn't make them today. Yeah, one of those where you live and learn. Geno feels terrible. I feel terrible.

We'll tee it up tomorrow morning and try to make a bunch of birdies.

Q. That's really good perspective you have. Did you have to call a rules official?

JOEL DAHMEN: Unfortunately, you kind of know the rule. It's one of those weird ones that sticks with you. It happens maybe once a year. I remember Ian Woosnam did it way back when at the British Open when he was around the lead.

I knew it was a max of four, but I called over a rules official just to confirm everything, handed the club off, and played with 14 the rest of the way.

Q. Did you have any change of equipment this week apart from the extra 4-iron? Different bag?

JOEL DAHMEN: No change of anything for a long time actually. We travel with a backup driver and some of those things. I was testing the 4-iron out in Jackson, so that's what, three weeks ago?

Haven't been home since, so I just don't know how it got in my golf bag. It's one of those weird ones. I have a Clif Bar that's probably two months old in there. Like there is probably banana that is rotting in that golf bag. There is all sorts of crap. It's pretty easy to typically find an extra club, and unfortunately we didn't do it today.

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