

The 153rd Open

Mixed Zone

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John Axelsen



Q. Tell us about your round today.

JOHN AXELSEN: Started out pretty well, had some good opportunities, made a nice birdie on the 1st hole, which settled all the nerves. Hit a few, I want to say, loose shots on the back nine, also on the last part of the front nine.

We got some pretty bad weather. Quite proud how I handled that and didn't -- because it's easy when it's really bad weather, rainy, we had a lot of wind, to throw away a tournament, but I stayed in it. I'm quite proud of that.

Good putter today. Got to work a little bit on my irons and my driver. Had a few right misses with that. All in all, a good first round.

Q. What is your way to stay in it, like you said, mentally and physically? How do you adapt to the conditions?

JOHN AXELSEN: I think for me it's take a step back and just be maybe a little bit more or less aggressive, I'd say, see more of the lower shots, roll them in a little bit more than fly them closer to the hole.

I don't know, mentally it's just think positive really and try to remember the goals I set for today, which is more like a process goal. That's pretty much it, yeah.

Q. You practiced for three days and you feel like you know the place, but is there something about today that surprises you? Anything about the course that kind of didn't feel like it was the last couple days?

JOHN AXELSEN: I think even with all the practice I had out there, there's still a few sides that might be a little bit patchy in terms of the rough. So it's hard to know exactly all the patches around the course at the moment.

A few times where I got a little bit lucky, hit it in a pretty terrible drive, but it was in a decent spot. Yeah, that's about it. Not really anything that surprised me, no.

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