

# THE PLAYERS Championship

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Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, USA

TPC Sawgrass

## Xander Schauffele

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. How hard was it to be patient out there?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, it was hard, for sure. Definitely had some weird things kind of happen there. But all in all, 3-under today was a good score.

#### Q. How much did you go on your past experience? You and I talked several times this week about how well you've played here, how close you've come.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, that's as good as I could do. It would have been nice to hit the correct little section there on 17. Greens are a little bit softer than years past. I think if you kind of hit the correct shot there, you can have a decent look. Still intimidating and scary. Just a lot of patience. I was over par for a majority of the round or a good chunk of the round, I should say. Just really stayed patient. The back nine is intimidating, but with this wind direction, you can kind of get after it a little bit more than normal, I'd say.

#### Q. On 17 did the ball maybe get knocked down, didn't go as far as you want it to?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, for sure. I teed the sand wedge up a little bit high, not allowing for as much compression as if I was hitting it off the ground. Yeah, I definitely felt like I hit enough to sort of get there, but it kind of got knocked down and I probably didn't get as much ball speed or pop on it as I wanted.

#### Q. How pleased are you with the battle that you put in today and to post the score you did?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, for sure. I just kept telling -- it would have been a shame to have two events in a row where I shoot over par on the weekend. Obviously last week played really hard, and this weekend when you're in those later groups, it's playing a little bit harder. It's a little crispier. The wind is up. But you kind of know what you need to do to earn it around this property, and just happy to have stuck in it.



#### Q. What's the biggest takeaway as you go forward the next month towards the Masters?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, a lot of good things. I'd say my approach was really good through the first couple rounds. I'd say it was pretty solid this week. Didn't miss a fairway. Would like to clean the putter up just a little bit. I feel like I'm missing some of those inside five- to ten- foot range. Other than that, I've got time.

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