

# Arnold Palmer Invitational

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Bay Hill, Florida, USA

Bay Hill Club and Lodge

## Xander Schauffele

### Quick Quotes



#### Q. Cut streak survived.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Is there a question there or...

#### Q. Seriously, you probably haven't been very close to it for a while, maybe even a couple of years.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: What's that? Making the cut?

#### Q. Exactly. I'm sure that you have higher aspirations, obviously, but given what you've been through, the golf course is hard yesterday, do you take anything good out of this today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, I kind of had it going for a little bit. I was playing some really good golf. Hit some nice shots. Actually made some putts. Then, you know, kind of messed up some really easy things. Took on maybe too much risk or hit a really poor, I mean, one really bad swing, and some seriously bad execution around the greens on the par-5. So it was a very stressful, nice day for me.

#### Q. Curious too though if you have given much thought to how this cut streak, which is the most since Tiger. He made 142 or whatever it was, nobody's made more than 50 in that time, and you're I think closing in on 60. Do you give yourself, have you put that in perspective at all when it's been brought up?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It's hard to compare. We have no-cut events, so...

#### Q. He did too.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Oh, all right. Yeah, I mean, it's definitely -- it's a cool thing. I try really hard to not quit. Even today going double, double sitting in a really nice spot it was an easy time to get frustrated. But I said earlier in the week I'm going to have to go to a special place to play decent golf, and I had to dig deep. So it was good practice on that front. Austin and I are proud of our cut streak, no doubt. Is it what we think about? No. But

usually when you focus on winning you make a lot of cuts and end up somewhere in between.

#### Q. Yesterday you said you felt pretty good physically. Did it carry over to today?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, yeah, I feel good. Yeah, physically great. Mentally, you know, okay. So working on it. My goal was just make it to the weekend, just so I can have two more rounds of golf. I just need as much golf as possible.

#### Q. That was a nice stretch of birdies out there after your blunders.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Thank you.

#### Q. Talk about what you hit in and was there an extra level of determination.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I think so. It kicked in. I was sitting in a nice, as cozy of a spot as I could have been at Bay Hill. Kind of JT and I were flowing, kind of plucking along. Then got absolutely hit in the face with a frying pan on 11. Made a huge mistake and then --

#### Q. Took on too much on that one, you think?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I was trying to aim way right and I don't know if because I was aiming way right I decided to flip the face. The lie was kind of sitting funky, and it just came off so far left and across the wind, it was bad. The next hole I put myself back in a good spot, and then making absolutely disaster of that chip from eight yards or 10 yards away from the pin. So I had to go to a -- dig deep. I knew good golf -- I heard birdies, I heard a birdie, someone birdied the next hole in front of me, Shane or Rory, and then someone birdied the par-3 as well, and I just told myself, If they can do it, so can I.

#### Q. Can you quantify the layoff, when you get back on a course, do you feel, do you think you feel when this is normal again, does it feel a little uncomfortable?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, for sure. It's intimidating.



There's a few shots where you don't get those any time of the year. Hitting over a huge body of water on 6, I don't care where the wind is, that's kind of scary. 17's kind of scary. 18's kind of scary. Putting on these greens, even from three feet's kind of scary. So it's good for me to -- I knew it was going to be tough and I'm glad I'm proud to make the weekend. I know that sounds ridiculous, but I am really happy I can get two more rounds of golf on a really tough property to try to get myself ready for hard tournaments for the rest of the year.

**Q. Have you considered adding anything after next week before Augusta?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: We'll see. I'm really week-to-week. I just signed up for the PLAYERS last night, or today, I guess. Today? This morning. Just kind of seeing how I'm feeling.

**Q. What were you waiting for there?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Just I just taking advice from everyone, take it easy. My plan was to play Valspar. If three weeks in a row is too much just off the get-go, then maybe I skip Valspar and play Valero to try and get ready for Augusta, so I just, I'm trying to figure it out.

**Q. Living in Florida do you feel like you've gotten better putting on Florida style Bermuda greens?**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'm glad you didn't ask me that question yesterday. Close to last place in putting. I think it helps. A few of the courses that I'm a member at in Florida have really quick greens. So chipping into the grain or down grain you do have to kind of learn it, versus just showing up and understanding it.

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