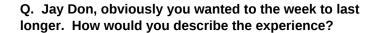
Black Desert Championship

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Jay Don Blake

Quick Quotes



JAY DON BLAKE: You know, it was a great experience. You know, we've talked quite a bit about the scenario, how it all happened, to be in my hometown, the 500th PGA TOUR start going to be the end of my PGA TOUR career. I don't think I need to get 501.

Had a lot of crazy emotions all the time. I mean, the first tee shot was pretty nerve-wracking. I mean, even continuing on, I never really felt totally comfortable.

I just wanted to do so well. Then I didn't want to hit really bad shots. I just played so conservative. You know, the golf was just another thing really.

The playing and being able to participate in the 500th event is just a crazy dream story. I mean, I gave up on trying to get 500 about 10, 12 years ago.

All the emotions have been like a whirlwind everywhere. Most of it's been a joy and I really had a good time.

Q. If it's possible to identify a takeaway from a week like this, what would it be?

JAY DON BLAKE: You know, just take away the long career, the hard work, my dedication, what family and friends have done to support me the whole time to keep me going.

I just take a lot of accomplishment, a lot of enjoyable times. I've been a lot of places, done a lot of stuff, had a great roll of playing golf. I enjoy every part of it.

There is a lot I can take away. There was a lot of negative I used to think about, but it's turning all positive now.

Q. I loved the full circle aspect of you having that Bullseye that you used as a kid in your bag. How was the putting this week?

JAY DON BLAKE: When I used it in the practice rounds and playing with buddies and stuff, I mean, if they were



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here, the guys I played with, they would say exceptional.

But I didn't putt very good this week. You know, my anxiety, my nerves, I guess my old age nerves wasn't holding up.

I was a little shaky on some of the putts. I didn't have the right speeds. Can't blame it on the putter it was more me. The putter is still a great putter. The puttee had a tough time.

Q. We've talked about the support you've had here. Last couple days all these people in the Blake's Birdie shirts following you around, even now a big crowd watching you, what does that mean to you?

JAY DON BLAKE: Well, that's all the emotions, where they come out. I mean they're all right behind you and facing me, so that support that I've got, you know, I mean, you can't take that for granted.

To see them show the support, walked every hole, no matter if I made a birdie or a triple they're cheering for me. So that's the support and love they give to me, and it's just I wouldn't have it any other way.

Q. You were already a Utah legend. This just puts an exclamation mark on it. Is it just absolutely stunning, Jay Don, what you have done.

JAY DON BLAKE: Well, thank you. You know, you look at it and think of the number, and when I decided to not really push that hard to try to get to that point. I think I was okay about it.

But then once the reality, you know, possibilities of it happening, I'm like, this would be a pretty cool milestone to get to. The scenario the way it turned out, what's all happened out here the last couple days or pretty much all week long is just a blessing of great friends, great family, and a great career. (Applause.)

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