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**SEAMUS POWER**



**MODERATOR:** We would like to welcome back Seamus Power, the 2022 champion of the Butterfield Bermuda Championship. Seamus, you just played nine holes in the pro-am, almost got blown away. What's it like to be back here and what sort of memories came back to you from your victory?

**SEAMUS POWER:** Yeah, this week has been great. Weirdly, when I won Barbasol in '21, with the regulations I wasn't able to defend, and here when I won in '22 I was injured last year and I wasn't able to defend.

It's great to be back in a venue where I've won before. Yeah, it's special, all the memories. You remember all your shots pretty clearly. It seems kind of strange for that, you remember exactly what you did especially in the last round, so it's been cool. It wasn't as windy as this a couple years ago, so it was a little different of a golf course, but yeah it's great to be back and all those kind of memories come flooding back, a lot of good times here.

**MODERATOR:** You hold the record for the most birdies made in this tournament, 28, that's a lot of birdies. Do you see that happening this week?

**SEAMUS POWER:** Not if it blows like today. Obviously the forecast on a small island like this, it can change. I would love to challenge that this week, but I don't see that happening unless wind kind of calms down a little bit. I actually didn't know that, I assume that was in '22, that many birdies?

**Q. Yes.**

**SEAMUS POWER:** Nice. I don't see that. I think it's going to be windy tomorrow, so it will be difficult. This wind direction, so definitely the last time I was here, like No. 2, like No. 2 and No. 17 were both downwind last time, so they were like par 5s, easily reachable, whereas as today 17 was dicey yesterday and 2 you couldn't get anywhere near today. Those changes with the wind, there's going to be less birdies. The other holes downwind won't play as easy as the par 5s would have. I think it will play a little different if it stays from the north, so we'll see. I've played it before but not for a whole week, so it's going to be interesting.

**Q. You also created another bit of history in this tournament, I don't know if you're aware of, but hole No. 16 which is the signature par 3 here, when you won you made three birdies the first three days and everybody was sitting on the edge of their seats seeing if you could make a fourth.**

**SEAMUS POWER:** I hit the pin the last day. I missed the one coming back but I rattled it off



the pin for the four 2s. I do remember that one, yeah. I think it was only after the third round I kind of realized it.

But it's such a difficult hole and I know they'll move around some tees, but yeah, you're picking up a lot of shots there. I do remember that, yeah. That's such an iconic hole anyway and to be able to make three birdies like that was very special. Almost made a fourth.

**Q. It didn't seem like such a difficult hole for you, but just talk about that hole a little bit. I mean, a lot of the field struggled with it. What is it about it?**

**SEAMUS POWER:** I think a lot of that hole is just trust. Even yesterday in the practice round, you're aiming, you're pretty much aiming to the edge of the ocean and trying to hit a draw further into the ocean to hit the green.

The wind, you're so exposed there, the wind is whipping across. I think that's the difficult part is just trusting that you actually need to start it that far left. I've played here enough and I've hit enough shots there to know that it will come back, but I think that's the biggest thing that somewhere in your mind you're worried it's not going to come back, it's going to end up in the hazard left. I don't think I've ever seen -- it's very rare you see a ball actually end up left. You almost have to try and miss the green left to hit the green, it's just that exposed and the ball just starts going sideways there.

**MODERATOR:** Your only top-10 in season came at the FedExCup Playoffs event in Memphis.

**SEAMUS POWER:** Yeah.

**MODERATOR:** How would you sum up your season?

**SEAMUS POWER:** It was -- it's a strange season because I've made improvements in areas of my game that I wanted to make improvements, but then like typical golf stuff, the stuff like my strengths before kind of went a little backwards. Ended up with positive stats across the board, but no real like highlight stuff.

It was weird, like the start of the year -- I didn't play in the Playoffs last year so I was rusty early and didn't get going with the putter. I felt like I lost a bit of confidence in the putter and that's been my strength really on Tour, so that was slow coming out of the gates.

I played very nicely from like the middle of the summer onwards. I still haven't had those high finishes which has been a little disappointing. It's been very -- especially in the fall it's been very consistent, a lot of good stuff, but not really those great weeks which can really turn your season around.

I've got two more chances. Obviously I feel good about my game this week and I've played well at RSM as well, so hopefully I can get some high finishes there before the end of the



year. I think that would be the only thing that would turn it around. I think that's been a little frustrating this season but still a lot of positives.

**MODERATOR:** You mentioned the consistency in the fall and that's really important with the Aon Next 10, which you're currently No. 54. Is that on your mind and how important is it for you to have a good week this week to secure that spot in the Top 60?

**SEAMUS POWER:** Yeah, like it certainly was starting the fall. I feel like I'm in a very good spot now so it's not as much in the forefront. But yeah, really starting in -- I didn't play in Napa, but starting in Sanderson Farms, like that was my big goal.

Two goals for the fall was try to win an event and to lock up that Top 60. It looks like I'm in a really good spot for one of those. It's such a big deal and we saw that this year, the numbers really played out you need to be in at least some of those elevated events. So that Top 60, getting in Pebble and LA will be huge.

Yeah, it was a big goal. It really kept me like very motivated in the fall, so it's been fun kind of chasing obviously and being able to pick up some points. So a lot of good stuff and hopefully a win would add Maui to the list of my elevated events, so that's going to be a big goal for the last two weeks.

**Q. Seamus, keeping on the theme of the fall, obviously this is year two of the kind of rebranded FedExCup Fall. You've performed very well this year. How would you assess kind of the energy of these fall events these last couple years? Has it been different from years prior?**

**SEAMUS POWER:** I didn't play the fall last year with the injury so this is my first year playing.

It is a little different, but like there's some negatives and some positives as well. Obviously you don't have as many -- like two years ago, I don't remember all the events but I remember even Scottie Scheffler was playing in Mayakoba, but you had obviously more of those guys playing in the fall. Now you have the race to -- whatever they're calling it, trying to keep your card and you really feel -- that's a different feel.

Obviously it used to be Wyndham and you would feel it on the driving range, you would feel it in the lead up to the tournament and guys are a little bit more on edge. You certainly are feeling that like coming into this week, and obviously with next week being the finale for that. It's different.

I've always liked the fall events. Obviously I really like it here, but a lot of the fall events I've played well at. I like it, I'm not sure why, maybe it's figure some stuff out throughout the year or whatever.

It's been a little different, but I still think they're so important, especially with the 125 coming



up and adding that and Aon 10 as well, it's been huge for guys kind of I guess between 70 and whatever, 100, whatever guys feel like they're comfortable. A lot of important golf still to be played and yeah, it's nice to get some good results.

**Q. You're unique for a European player of your generation where a lot of guys would go back to Europe after college and make their way to the PGA TOUR through the DP World Tour. You stayed in the U.S., you played on what was the Web.com Tour then, now the Korn Ferry Tour, so it's a little different, but as things change on the PGA TOUR, playing spots become a bit more scarce, do you see that as a European player yourself incentivized going overseas to play more or is it not quite that simple?**

**SEAMUS POWER:** Yeah, I mean, it's always tricky. I've always said this, I would have loved to have played more in Europe, but for me, I'm not on the level of some of those -- obviously like the likes of Rory can play both tours because he racks up so many points in majors and when he goes to Europe he has wins or he's close to winning and he wins over here.

It's just different for me. I mean, realistically for my every year I'm starting out, my No. 1 goal is to keep my card on the PGA TOUR. It's been an amazing experience to play on the PGA TOUR for me and I'm trying to extend that as long as I can. That's always going to be goal No. 1.

If I got to a point where if I come out early next year was to win especially an elevated event or you have your goals locked up over here, you'd love to go play in more.

I mean, DP World Tour has been great to me the last few years, they've given me some spots. Obviously for me getting to play closer to home, it's cool. I got to play a couple events in Abu Dhabi and Dubai last year, which was really cool, but it's always going to be tough.

My No. 1 goal is you're trying to keep your job and for me the best way of doing that, at least like for the foreseeable future, is going to keep my card on the PGA TOUR. Maybe things will change. I know there's going to be some changes coming down the pipeline, maybe you get pushed out or whatever, but I love playing professional golf so I'm going to play wherever I can really.

**MODERATOR:** One last one from me, you're teeing off the first two days with Mack Hughes and Daniel Berger, who have never played here before. I'm not going to ask you to give them any advice, but what would you tell players that have never been here before in the hope that they might possibly come?

**SEAMUS POWER:** Like just to come to Bermuda?

**Q. Yeah, play in the event.**

**SEAMUS POWER:** This is one of my favorite places I've ever been. I love Bermuda, made



a lot of good friends here.

Tournament-wise, it's an absolute blast. It's a beautiful hotel, there's so many great places to eat on the island and everything about the place is so easygoing.

I find it beautiful. Some of the scenes there on 15, 16, the color of the water and everything you see there is beautiful. I don't think I've seen it anywhere else really in the world.

Yeah, I can't speak highly enough of the place. They do a great job with the tournament, everything is so easy and straightforward. It's a fun golf course. You're going to play in some wind, that might turn some guys off, but I think it's fun. The golf course is designed to play with wind so you can hit some shots, it always gives you some space to hit it considering it's the wind. So I find it really fun, it's a beautiful place, fun tournament, nice golf course and great people. I always tell people they should come here, so hopefully more will follow suit.

**Q. And how now nice is it to see guys like Mack and Daniel here this week along with others?**

**SEAMUS POWER:** Yeah, fantastic, it really is. Anytime you're going to get guys who've won on Tour, they're the guys tournaments are looking for and it's great to see them here. Hopefully they enjoy their week. I know it's going to be windy and stuff, but I really do think when guys come here and see the place, they're blown away. It wasn't at all what I expected when I came here first and I absolutely love coming here, so hopefully other guys are going to see the same thing.

**MODERATOR:** Good luck this week and thanks for coming back.

**SEAMUS POWER:** You're welcome. Thank you very much.

