



INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: PETER SENIOR
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DAVE SENKO: Well, Peter, thanks for joining us. 6-under 66 today. I believe you and Mr. Lu have the low round of the day. Maybe just get us started, talk about you shot 30 on the front and 36 on the back, pretty good start on the front nine for you.

PETER SENIOR: Yeah, it was essential for me to shoot something decent today to have a chance tomorrow. I didn't realize I was going to start as well as I did, birdieing two of the first three. They were both short putts. Then I hit it just on the front of the 5th, the par 5, and had about an eight-incher for birdie there. 3-under after 5, you're sort of really happy with that. Then I hit a 5-iron from 185 on the 7th hole and holed that, which sort of kicked it right into gear. I hit a good 6-iron into the next to about eight feet, made that. So the front nine was pretty good. When I made birdie on 11, I thought I could shoot something pretty low. I birdied 12 (inaudible) and just parred all the way in.

DAVE SENKO: How far were your putts on 2 and 3?

PETER SENIOR: I had about a six-footer on the 2nd and probably a two-footer on the 3rd.

DAVE SENKO: And then 11?

PETER SENIOR: 11, I had about a six-footer.

DAVE SENKO: And what happened on No. 12, the bogey?

PETER SENIOR: Just hit a bad tee shot, hit it left, hit the top of the bunker and just came right down against the bank, and all I could do was just chip it up. I was fortunate to make bogey.

DAVE SENKO: Now, do I understand that Rod Spittle holed out as well?

PETER SENIOR: On No. 11, yeah. He had about 80 yards and flew it into the hole on No. 11, so we had a couple highlights there today.

DAVE SENKO: You've had a pretty good run here with some nine-hole scores up in Michigan at the Senior PGA and then last week and then today.

PETER SENIOR: Yeah, my golf's been hot and cold. I played pretty ordinary the first couple of days, got it up and down really well to sort of keep me in it, but certainly not playing my best but sort of still hanging around. Then all of a sudden I'll play nine holes really well and all of a sudden -- at the PGA, I finished 8-under the last 10 holes. It's there, but I can't bring it out for the full day.

DAVE SENKO: You've had great success here. I mean, you've had two good tournaments in Birmingham.

PETER SENIOR: Yeah, the course is fantastic here, I really enjoy the course. You've got to hit good iron shots, and of course you've got to putt well. It's an all-around game on this course, that's what makes it so good. I think the scoring's good only because there's such good weather. When you've got a little bit of breeze here, it becomes very tricky to get the right club in your hand.

DAVE SENKO: Questions, guys?

Q. You mentioned things were going really well, you had the bogey, that kind of broke momentum. Is that overstating it, can one hole like this kind of kill, kind of sap that momentum that drastically?

PETER SENIOR: Well, I had a couple good birdie chances the next couple holes and made really good putts, and I don't know how they actually missed but somehow they did, and that sort of just broke that -- you know, you just feel that it breaks the momentum. Then I didn't hit it close enough coming in to make a birdie, you know. I was 20 feet away nearly every hole. So there are some difficult holes to finish with. No. 16, you can't go at that flag because if you miss the green, you're going to make bogey anyway. Most of the guys are trying to hit it on the first third of the green and have a 40-footer up the green. On 18, getting close to that pin, you've got a big bank on the back, you can make bogey there very easily. If you want to make pars, you just aim a little further away and hopefully two putt from 20 feet and that's what this course does.

Q. Peter, you talked about the fact that you had one very good nine in one event, another very good nine, and you had a very good nine today. What is your best ever score when you have put it all together, and did it win you a tournament?

PETER SENIOR: I had 60 at Royal Adelaide in -- I can't remember the tournament it was. No, no, I didn't -- I had a putt for 59 on the 9th hole. It was the second round and I had a 20-footer for 59 for eagle on the 9th hole.

Q. What's going through your mind when you start so well and then you have eagle on 7? Do you start to think this is going to be my day?

PETER SENIOR: Well, you know, it can turn around and bite you just as quick as it can help you. There's a lot of good holes here that you can get into a lot of trouble. You know, on the outset I needed to shoot around this score that I shot today, so I was pretty

happy with it. When I was 6-under after 7 here, I sort of looked to get a little bit greedy; you know, a couple more would have been really nice.

Q. You talked about the weather a minute ago, but tomorrow there's a chance it's going to be pretty sloppy conditions. There's a chance. Kind of what's going to be the key looking forward of handling some bad conditions here tomorrow?

PETER SENIOR: Well, you know, it's nothing that we haven't played in before. I played in Europe for a long, long time and we play in quite a bit of bad weather there and cold weather. It's not going to be cold, but we get more wind in Australia than anywhere in bad weather, so we're all adept at playing in it. So we'll just find out what it dishes up tomorrow and we'll go accordingly.

Q. Peter, Tom (inaudible) on Thursday, he said he thought the course was playing very similar to what it did last year. What are your thoughts?

PETER SENIOR: I think the only difference is, I think the greens aren't as firm as they were last year. We've been pretty lucky they've been as soft as they are. When these greens get firm, you have to start hitting the right shots to get close enough to have a birdie attempt, so we've been pretty fortunate they've been soft for us.

Q. At the moment you're not in second place, you're in third place for this tournament. Two years ago Ross Bridge second place, last year --

PETER SENIOR: Yeah.

Q. The thoughts of coming to a city that you've done very, very well but yet haven't got that victory and just being right there again and trying to break through?

PETER SENIOR: Yeah, I really enjoy the place. I've enjoyed the two golf courses that we've played. There's no secret to playing good in one place, but it's just rolled out that way, that I've had a good week whenever I've been here. But I've enjoyed my time on the Champions Tour the last couple of seasons and hopefully it will continue.

Q. (Inaudible.)

PETER SENIOR: Ideally, I would love to win. I've had plenty of opportunities, but that's probably the only thing that I'm looking forward to now is winning an event.

DAVE SENKO: Any more questions? Okay. Thank you, Peter.

PETER SENIOR: Thank you.