

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: MARK CALCAVECCHIA**  
**Saturday, June 6, 2015**



**Q You have had some pretty good success here. You've put yourself in position to win this tournament quite a few times?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah, I like it here.

**Q Yeah?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah. We've been here two weeks and it was a great off week last week, played here last Thursday and played some other golf courses around the area and, you know, it just inspires me, reminds me a lot of where I grew up, in Laurel, Nebraska. I've got some friends from Laurel that always come over, and my cousins from Lincoln come over, and of course all my crazy Iowa, Des Moines friends that are screaming out there. So a lot of good things going on here for me.

**Q Where else did you play, do you remember the courses you played around here?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah, I played Des Moines Country Club, played Glen Oaks, and played Harvester. Thought Harvester was fantastic, about 30 miles from here. Thought it was amazing.

**Q How far do you think that final birdie --**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Fifteen, 16 feet.

**Q I understand in the off season you had an incident with your hand, you hurt your hand?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** I did, yeah, I went through a -- Thanksgiving morning I tripped on a step at my brother-in-law's house. I was carrying groceries in, 10:30 in the morning, and would have been better off just falling down, but I tried to save myself and he had a triple pane glass front door and I did a header through the front door and broke two of the panes of glass but I never fell down. My head and my arm went in, I bounced back, I scraped all the glass out of my head with my left hand and cut it all up. Then I looked at my right hand and had a big gash here in my hand and my finger was laying like that, and slashed the tendon right in half. So had to have that surgically reattached on December 2nd, and I really couldn't even grip a club for over three months. It was pretty creepy. It still hurts. My hand, I still have issues with it. These two knuckles hurt.

**Q But given what you've done this week, do you feel like you're finally starting to get**

**back to where you want to be?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah, absolutely. I knew, you know, when I was playing golf with my friends around the area that I was starting to play a lot better than I had been. I didn't play that bad at French Lick. I just got on the wrong side of some of the humps and bumps and ended up missing the cup, but anyway came here and been having a blast and didn't -- I can't really hit balls. It hurts. I can hit maybe 50, 60 balls, but I played those four or five rounds, four rounds and the Pro-Am, so I had five rounds of golf in before Friday, so I felt like I was definitely ready to go.

**Q When it's this crazy, this many guys, especially with a short three rounds, but there's so many guys right there, does it -- are you just going to play? Can you only play your ball and not worry about anything else?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** You know, that's exactly right. Walking down 17 when I hit a good shot there and I looked at the score board and, you know, there's so many guys within three or four shots of the lead and I thought, well, sure would be nice to birdie the last two and kind of get up there a little bit higher, you know, and sure enough, I did. But there are still a whole bunch of guys that can win. So basically tomorrow I'll just try to do what I'm doing. You know, the first four holes can play pretty difficult so try to get off to a good start and birdie 5 and keep going from there. The back nine, especially the last eight holes are pretty gettable is what I did today. I walked off the 10th green and said, okay, it's time to start making some birdies, you need to get going. And, sure enough, that's what happened.

**Q Can I get your birdies starting at 11, do you remember?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yes, 3-wood off the tee, hard sand wedge to about 15 feet and made that.

**Q 12?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Good drive and L wedge from 70 yards to -- spun it back a little bit, had about a 12 footer from there, made that one.

**Q Par 5?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Hit a great little 5-wood in there to about 15 feet, lipped it out for eagle, so I had a tap-in birdie there.

**Q 17?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Good 8-iron, just past the hole probably 12 feet.

**Q 18?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** And a little sand wedge behind the hole there to about 16 feet and

made that.

**Q Bogey, what happened on No. 2?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Three-putted from 30 feet, blew it by four feet, then missed it.

**Q Then 6?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Terrible drive, way right in the middle of the woods and had really no shot. Tried to hook the 7-iron. Out of this rough it's hard to curve the ball, and it didn't hook and went way down right of the green and impossible up and down basically.

**Q Okay. And the other three, what was your putt on 3?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Again about the 12-foot range, good great drive and a sand wedge, about 12 feet.