

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
**February 23, 2019**



**PATRICK CANTLAY (-9)**

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**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, I played really solid today. I got off to a little bit of a slow start, couldn't make any birdies. And then hitting it close on 12 was really a bonus off the tee, perfect shot and was fortunate for make an eagle there.

**Q. I'm not sure how much of it you saw, we did get to see it and we're going to have a look at something that was a surprise to Kevin Kisner because he was up on the green about to hit his putt, and he does hit his putt but your ball rolls on the green. Talk us through the actual shot, because it's a long way.**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** I didn't know I could hit it that far. I haven't hit it on the green before. I just tried to hit it as hard as I could and I hit it perfect.

**Q. Did you use the old clichÉ, "I didn't think I could reach, mate"?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** No, I haven't seen him yet, but I'll tell him.

**Q. Going into tomorrow, you're in great shape. You're a bit back of a very good player. What's the strategy?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, same as today, a lot of solid shots and hopefully get some putts to go.

**Q. And just finally, you've already won on Tour, you put a pretty good defense in this year, second place at the Shriners. What would it mean to win one of these WGC events?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, it would be great. It's one of the best events all year and it's the only golf course that reminds me a lot of home. I'm from southern California, so on a golf course that I like, it would be great.

**Q. The Patricks today, Patrick Reed 64, you 65. What was different for you today?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, I actually played really well yesterday, too. I got off to a little bit of a slow start and then really made a run around the turn. There's a couple holes out here you really have to take advantage of and today I did it.

**Q. You did that on No. 12, too. Tell me about the club you hit there to four feet.**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, it was just a driver as hard as I could, hit it just perfect and it

ended up perfect, too.

**Q. Also talk about that par save on 17. That was a really great up-and-down for you.**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, I hit a really good shot off the tee actually and it just went a little too far. Had a bad lie in the bunker, so I was really happy to roll that one in.

**Q. You mentioned you played well yesterday. When we look at the last two rounds, one bogey, first round was rough for you. So what was the difference? Is there something that you worked on after Round 1 that clicked for you in Round 2?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Not really. Round 1 was a little weird. I actually played really well, hit it good and just didn't score very well. Had a bunch of in-between numbers and I didn't really have my distances dialed in. It's tough out here to do that. Actually, I thought I played well, so I'm not surprised over the last two days. It feels like kind of where Round 1 could have been.

**Q. What were the keys for this excellent round, and take us through that driver. It's ridiculous how far you hit it.**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, it was just a driver as hard as I could. I hit it perfect, got a good bounce, too, which was really fortunate. I've never hit it on that green before. So I guess they were still putting out and I didn't know I could reach. But that kind of got me going and then I birdied the next and actually almost rolled in another eagle on the par 5, just left it a little short. All in all, played really good today and saved some nice pars coming in.

**Q. You're going to be on top tomorrow. How does it feel to go out in this environment where you've already made those adjustments.**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, it's exactly why I play golf. It's a lot of practice and I'm really excited to go out tomorrow and hopefully get off to a quick start, which you can do around here and get in contention.