## ROUND 1 INTERVIEW June 27, 2019



## **JOEY GARBER (-5)**

## Q. All the buildup, you'd think this was your major.

**JOEY GARBER:** Yeah. I mean, it's awesome to have people rooting for me. I don't get this too often, so I'm just trying to enjoy myself. Hit some really good shots today, so I'm really excited for what I'm doing.

Q. Practice rounds are one thing. When you get between the ropes on tournament day, do you have to block out the "Go Joey" and all the different sounds that you hear from the folks up north?

**JOEY GARBER:** Not really. I'm just trying to kind of acknowledge all of them and thank them for being here and just kind of have fun with it. Hopefully that will serve me well tomorrow and through the weekend.

Q. As you work your way through this round, how long does it take for maybe the butterflies to calm down? There had to be some.

**JOEY GARBER:** Yeah, I don't think they ever really calmed down, it's such a big deal for me. But it's good nervousness. I'm kind of trying to harness it and use it to my advantage. I thought it worked out well.

Q. All right. So how do you in these early days of being a Tour pro, how do you define success this week?

**JOEY GARBER:** You know, I don't really look at it as result oriented. I'm just really excited about the way I'm playing golf right now. I'm kind of feeling like myself out there on the golf course and making good shots and making a lot of putts. I'm really comfortable with my game and just comfortable with where I'm at.

Q. I saw you working in some baseball analyst work last night on the Tigers telecast. You've kind of been the hometown boy here getting the key to the city this week.

**JOEY GARBER:** Yeah, it's been so cool. Yesterday was unbelievable for me. To be in Tiger Stadium on the field let alone throw the first pitch, and then being in the press box with two legends -- well, three legends and to have their encouragement and the rest of Detroit's encouragement is really going to fuel me through the week.

Q. Was it a strike? That's the question.

JOEY GARBER: It was not a strike, but it was all I had, so I'm taking that to my grave.

Q. On your left sleeve we see the Boyne logo. A lot of people are here wearing Boyne shirts and we know that they're pulling for you. What does that place mean to you when you think about its role in your career?

**JOEY GARBER:** Well, it kind of defines a little bit of who I am. I'm fortunate to grow up in a place that has great golf courses, including Boyne golf. Thankfully, they're very similar to this golf course, so I'm comfortable here because of that. So I'm very fortunate to be from Petosky and to have Boyne on my side.