

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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ROCCO MEDIATE (+1)

Q. With me, PGA TOUR legend, champion, Rocco Mediate. Rocco, last time I found you, we were smoking a cigar together on media day over there on the practice green.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, that was last year sometime.

Q. It was. We smoked a cigar together. You're out there smoking today. Give us a shameless plug for your cigars.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Rocky Patel.

Q. That's an easy one. Oh, my gosh, that's your main one.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Good stuff, good guys.

Q. Yeah, they sure are. Now, you won here in 2000 --

ROCCO MEDIATE: Um-hmm.

Q. -- and I'm sure that gives you some fond memories.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Oh, I love it, love it here, love it here. Yeah, it's one of my favorite courses. I haven't played it well this year, but still love it. It's not the course's fault.

Q. Yeah, of course. Now, one of the things, I've seen you out there, I think the guys -- I don't want to name like Pete Dye courses or whatever, those wild jungle courses the guys don't seem to like as much. Seems to me, more the tree-lined country clubs.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Yeah, it doesn't need to be tree lined, but old school's cool. Some of the new stuff is good, too. But Warwick Hills is just a classic, good old style golf course. It just gives you -- it's right in front of you, it's really cool. And I grew up on this type of stuff in Pittsburgh.

Yeah, I think most of us would like -- do like the older stuff, for sure. It's funny, all they're building now is they're building old because that's how they used to do it when it really was good.

Q. That's right, kids are now playing Legos again now.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Exactly.

Q. It all cycles around.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Exactly.

Q. Taking a look up, now they call the kids now the 50-year-olds and it's getting younger and younger. Are you still keeping up with them? Do you feel like you've got another victory or two in you?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Oh, sure, yeah. It's just a matter of putting. That's what it is for all of us really. You make a few more putts here or there, you're in there. If you don't, you're not. It's that simple and it's always really been that way.

Q. Another casual question. You played in the World Series of Poker. I dug deep.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Years ago, yeah, in '05. I don't play poker anymore.

Q. You don't play poker anymore?

ROCCO MEDIATE: No, I've got no time. I've got a little four year old, too. But I had a ball, I had a ball. The World Series doesn't necessarily tell the best player. In fact, it doesn't. The best player's are the cast players that you never hear of. Those are the guys that bring their own \$2 million into the room and say, "Let's go." The World Series, you're spending \$10,000 to win \$8 million. It's a pretty good deal if you win, but most of the time they're not the best players. The guys that you never hear of are the best players.

Q. And well, anyway, I want to thank you a lot for coming out.

ROCCO MEDIATE: You got it, anytime.

Q. You got it, you're awesome. You know what, I did have one.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Fire away.

Q. Let me ask this. The fans out there on 17, I really wanted to start with this, that has got to put an extra, you know, little notch in your step when the fans out here still remember you?

ROCCO MEDIATE: Oh, yeah it's great.

Q. And on 17 --

ROCCO MEDIATE: Seventeen's good. They set it up beautiful this year like a little shorter, people around with beers. If you make a 2, they get beers for 17 minutes for two bucks. It's

priceless. So I've helped them the last two days with 2, so they really like me now.

Q. Yeah, and I can take the final comment, they're going to have to give away some Rocky Patel's next year.

ROCCO MEDIATE: Exactly. In fact, we'll work on that.