

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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IAN POULTER (-6)

Q. Just curious how she -- you know, how she wound up at Clemson.

IAN POULTER: We were supposed to go there to have a look the week after THE PLAYERS and we couldn't. She said to us, "If I get a position at Clemson, I'd like to go."

Q. How did she find it or what appealed to her, do you know?

IAN POULTER: One of the -- she wanted to study sports nutrition science and she wants to major in that and that's one of the places that has it. Yeah, she told us she'd like to go and it was great. She applied and was accepted. She did summer school kind of leading in online and she's enjoying it.

Q. Did you send her off to school?

IAN POULTER: Yeah, we went there early, second week of August, I think it was. Yeah, second, third week of August we took her up there.

Q. And one last question if you don't mind, because your hat reminds me of it. What's that going to be like, the World Tour Championship at Dubai?

IAN POULTER: I think it's a 70 field, they extended the field by 10 players. Dubai, the gateway from Dubai to the U.K. is finally open, so there's no issues there. There's no direct flights from the States, from Orlando to Dubai, so I'm going to have to go by New York.

Q. Given the weirdness of the year and the fact that Reid and Morikawa are amongst the top-5, and I think Patrick actually went to Saudi if I'm not mistaken. Morikawa's never seen Europe as far as I know.

IAN POULTER: Yeah.

Q. Would you expect any of the Americans who have taken up membership to go over?

IAN POULTER: No, although Patrick will. Patrick's definitely going. I wouldn't think Morikawa's going.

Q. What do you make of the one they put ahead of it, Golf in Dubai World Championship?

IAN POULTER: I think it's a great thing. They need to -- you know, they have an extra -- they've got an extra four weeks off to what we have, five? So with that extra layoff they need an extra tournament to fulfill the obligation.

Q. There's two next week.

IAN POULTER: Yeah, that's right.

Q. South Africa and --

IAN POULTER: South Africa and the one in Dubai. The first one in Dubai finishes on a Saturday because I don't believe they have two events finish in the same week, on the same day.

Q. Have you been impressed at all with how they've kept it together?

IAN POULTER: Yeah. I mean, they've done a great job from a perspective of maintaining a bubble. It's different there, it's very different. Hotels are a lot stricter.

Q. Can't leave?

IAN POULTER: Can't leave, once you're in, you're in. They've done -- they're having to deal with so many different countries, a lot of different rules and regulations. So each week it's proving to be difficult for them and that's why they've tried to put blocks of tournaments together. I think they've done a good job. I mean, it's not easy, it's definitely not easy.

Q. Would you be worried if this thing doesn't go way that more players who are joint members who don't enjoy the strictness of the bubble would stay away?

IAN POULTER: For the guys that play here that travel back to play a not full schedule, hasn't been bad for us. The accommodation at Renaissance was awesome, Wentworth was lovely, so we've had it good staying in nice hotels. It's been okay.

Some of the weeks have been difficult, but if you're a player that wants to play golf and needs to play golf, you're going to have to abide by the country's regulations of what's been put in front of you. The fact we're playing golf is a good thing, you know, and the numbers are creeping up in every country so who knows what is ahead for us all. Hopefully, we get this (inaudible) vaccine and the Moderna one and we can all -- those of us who want to travel can possibly get this vaccine and ease people's pressure, I think.