

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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PATRICK REED (-14)



Q. Ninth PGA TOUR victory for Patrick Reed. What attitude did you bring to the golf course with everything on the line today?

PATRICK REED: Really, resilience. I knew coming into today was going to be a grind, especially with that leaderboard and seeing how many big names were right around there at the top. I knew you were going to have to go out and play on offense, you couldn't play defense. You had to go out there and shoot a number. It was a little kind of shaky there early on in the beginning, kind of a couple shots that seemed to kind of get a little bit away from me, but I was able to rely on the short game early and get in a groove there in the middle of the round.

Q. We talked a lot about you making the switch to David Leadbetter since the U.S. Open. How would you describe your satisfaction that the swing changes that you've made held up well under pressure?

PATRICK REED: I think that was the biggest thing is today was -- I had more nerves today than I did during the final round at Augusta because I was in a different spot; still working on the swing, still not fully where we want it to be.

But the hard work that my team is going through and working with me on trying to dial it in, get it where it is right now is amazing. With all the stuff that we've done and coming out today, and I think the biggest thing was stepping up there on 17 and 18 and really feel comfortable and confident to step up and fire hard and hit solid drives on those two tees really showed me where it's heading and how close it really is.

The good thing is, Led's always told me, he's like, hey, you're working towards something, there's no reason why you can't go ahead and win. Because of that I had that kind of attitude going into today that, hey, even though the swing's not 100 percent, you know how to get it around this golf course, you can go out and shoot a number and put up a fight.

Q. Part of the story today does go back to yesterday. The PGA TOUR said that everything that you did with regards to (no microphone) was accurate, within the rules, but there was some noise, there was some criticism through the night and into the morning before you teed off. Did you pay attention to that and if so, was that something you blocked out or did you use that as motivation?

PATRICK REED: I actually, when I'm in tournament weeks I don't ever look at anything. I can get in my own kind of world and that's stuff that my coaches and team work on, I can kind of go out there and just kind of improve each and every day and work on what we're

supposed to do. I think that was the biggest thing is I was allowed to kind of put it behind me when the head rules official comes up and says you did everything you were supposed to do. When you do everything you're supposed to do, at the end of the day that's all you can control. Going into today, I felt good, I felt confident and really went to the golf course, plugged in my headphones and just kind of got in my world with my coach and got to that first tee.