

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW**  
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**PATRICK RODGERS (-6)**



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**Q. Patrick, how would you assess your round today?**

**PATRICK RODGERS:** Yeah, pretty sharp overall. There's always going to be mistakes, especially on a golf course like this, it penalizes almost every mediocre shot. I think I would have probably liked to get more out of the finish of my round. Felt like after the start I got off to, I put myself in a really good position with some scoring holes to go, but it's going to get difficult this afternoon and I'm right there in the mix. I love this golf course. I've been in the mix here before and I'm excited.

**Q. As you say, 2015 you finished second here. What kind of memories do you have from that week that every time you come back you bring those memories back and the feels when you come to a place you like?**

**PATRICK RODGERS:** Yeah, absolutely, I have tons of great memories here. Even outside of that week, it feels like one of the best that we play all year, so you feel fortunate to be here each and every year, which is awesome.

But as far as memories from that week go, obviously I played really well. I was probably a completely different person, didn't have my Tour card yet, but I still feel like I can play with just as much confidence and freedom and I'm excited to have another crack at it this weekend.

**Q. You've obviously gone through some awesome life moments recently; you got married, had a child. How does that change maybe a little bit your perspective a little bit on golf and maybe helped you as well?**

**PATRICK RODGERS:** Yeah, this year's been the best year of my life and each year it seems like it keeps getting better. So many great life moments have happened for me and my family and it's just been spectacular this year with the birth of our son. He puts a smile on my face every single day, it's incredible. So I'm looking forward to seeing him this afternoon. They're here with me this week. Yeah, even when at times the results on the golf course haven't been where I've wanted them to be, it's been an amazing ride.

**Q. From 2015 as you were kind of still getting your career going to where you are now, how do you feel like your game as a professional has improved as you've moved along?**

**PATRICK RODGERS:** Yeah, I'm better in every aspect of my game. I obviously have a ton more experience, I have more self belief than I've ever had. Obviously I feel like I'm ready to

step through the door and win golf tournaments out here, so I'm excited to have that chance. I feel really prepared. Obviously this is a great field and this is the kind of opportunity that I want throughout the year.

**Q. How long have you worked with Jeff on your swing?**

**PATRICK RODGERS:** Since 2017, so four years.

**Q. What has he kind of done to help your swing kind of from where it was as an amateur to a professional to where it is now?**

**PATRICK RODGERS:** Yeah, the way that my mind works, I always have a ton of questions about the game. I want to have not just a knowledge of it, but really an understanding of the game and my game. I think what has worked really well for Jeff and I is he has helped me have an understanding of why my golf swing is my golf swing, why it works, why it's worked in the past, but then also giving me a blueprint for the future that we're always kind of chipping away towards. I have a really clear understanding and ownership of my golf swing. He's put me in a position where I feel like I can coach myself week in and week out and his wealth of knowledge helps me every time we work together.

**Q. One last questions. You were on the Walker Cup team back in 2013. With the Walker Cup this week, just share some of your memories of what the Americans and GB&I team are going to experience this weekend.**

**PATRICK RODGERS:** Yeah, I can't wait to watch the Walker Cup. It's maybe the most fun I've ever had playing golf. Even on a losing team, there's just something that's pretty special about representing your country and there's something that's really pure about the amateur game. Just the whole experience throughout both weeks that I was fortunate to play, it's just spectacular. And you're playing with a lot of times your best friends. You look back at all the Walker Cup teams and they're all really impressive, so you're looking at the future of the game. It's just some of the most enjoyable moments on a golf course that you can have and I think it's really fun because it brings out a lot of players' best golf.