

**TAYLOR PENDRITH (-15)**

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**Q. How did you injure your ribs?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** I think it was a stress fracture that happened from hitting balls. I noticed it at THE PLAYERS during the third round, just some pain in kind of my back. I didn't think it was a rib issue, and yeah, took some time off after THE PLAYERS and it only got worse. Then finally got some imaging done and it was a fractured rib.

**Q. Is there any way you could have kept playing?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** No, I don't think so. My doctor in Canada, I spoke to him and he originally said 10 to 12 weeks, which I thought was a long time. Everything that I kind of read about it was like kind of four to six weeks. So I was hoping to be back sooner, but it ended up being 12 weeks until I hit a golf ball.

**Q. Could you do anything for it or just rest?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** No, nothing. No rotating, just rest. Did a lot of sitting on the couch. I was on the Peloton a few times, but nothing rotational.

**Q. We were talking here amongst ourselves, you had a good finish at THE PLAYERS and then you have to stop. How do you come back like you've done and put some good tournaments together just like you never left?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Yeah, in a way I guess it fueled me a little bit to get back and play well, but I had been playing nicely before THE PLAYERS as well. I played good at the Honda and got some momentum and felt like I was just getting on a run of playing really nice golf. To have to sit out for almost four months after that really sucked, but honestly, couldn't really do much about it. Just tried to stay patient and know that it's going to heal and I'll be back at some point. So yeah, I've played three -- I guess two and a half tournaments back from the rib injury and the game feels good.

**Q. How have you been able to attack this course so consistently, so well throughout the first two rounds?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** I think today especially I hit my driver really well, hit a lot of fairways I believe, it felt like I did, and my wedges were good. The distances were pretty consistent and gave myself a lot of nice birdie putts. The putter was great as well.

But yeah, if you can get it in the fairways here, you can kind of attack. The greens were



definitely getting firmer towards the end so you kind of had to play for the first hop and I was able to do that.

**Q. A guy like you from MAC country, in MAC country right now just across the border from home, how much did you have this date, this venue circled on your calendar?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Yeah, honestly, really happy to be here. I was hoping that I was going to be here. I heard the golf course was great and showing up, it is amazing. Close to home, have some family and friends higher, lots of "Go Canada" cheers out there, people were singing the national anthem, so it's pretty cool. I feel very welcomed here and I love the golf course, so looking forward to the weekend.

**Q. Was there a point where you're sitting at home where you're thinking, man, I was playing so great, I hope I don't -- you don't think about losing it or losing your swing or whatever, but you want to get back out, you don't want to lose that feeling of having played so well?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Yeah, I think the biggest thing was the chance of reinjuring it if I came back too soon, so I completely shut it down. And generally I play well after taking some time off. Four months is an extended period of time off, but taking a week off, I'm fresh, I'm reset, my mind's in the right spot. And I'm used to taking long breaks, I guess, from a kid. We have a long offseason in Canada, so I didn't touch a club all winter basically growing up, so I guess I'm kind of used to it in a way, but I would rather continue to hit balls.

**Q. What did you do all that time then?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Not much really. We bought a house a while ago, so we were just kind of doing some things around the house. Me and my wife would just hang out really.

**Q. How much fun was that first four-hole stretch with you and Lee going back and forth?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** It was great. Lee obviously played really well today and yesterday all three of us played really well. You kind of build off that. Yeah, the starts that we had was awesome, it kind of just set the tone for the round and both of us were just trying to make as many birdies as we could.

**Q. What's the drive from home in Canada and did you ever venture here to Detroit as a kid?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** No, I've never been to -- actually, I played a baseball tournament in Detroit when I was a little kid, but never played golf here. It's about four hours.

**Q. What's your hockey team?**



**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Toronto.

**Q. When you played baseball as a kid, which team did you play for and --**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** I played AAA for Richmond Hill Phoenix they were called, and we came -- we played a few tournaments in the States, but we had a -- I can't remember the name of it, but it was in I think Taylor, Michigan maybe.

**Q. Junior league?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Yeah. I think we came down here a couple times.

**Q. It took you a long time to get out here. How much more frustrating to have your season abbreviated, to have to sit out for four months?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Yeah, it sucks, there's no easy way to put it. In a way it's -- I kind of try and look at the positives of it of resting and fully healing my body. I've had a few issues in the past where I've felt like I kind of needed to keep playing, especially on Korn Ferry Tour. My first year I played through an injury and played horrible. So it was nice for me to have a good, decent start of the year so I was in an OK spot, but I was just starting to play well and so yeah, it was not fun sitting out.

**Q. Did you have to change your swing at all to prevent another fracture?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** No. I mean, it's happened to multiple golfers before, stress fracture in ribs just from overuse and constantly pulling on the ribs. As a rotational sport, it can happen, but yeah, it's not ideal.

**Q. You had a late tee time today, another one tomorrow. How will you spend the morning?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Go to dinner with my wife and her family and probably go to bed and try and sleep in a little bit, have breakfast and make our way here.

**Q. Do you remember anything about the baseball tournament in Taylor?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** I remember we got smoked by all the American teams. They were much bigger than us. I don't know if it was like the age group or I don't know, they were way stronger and taller and bigger than us. I don't know, we might have won a few games, but we did get smoked a couple times.

**Q. What position did you play?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** I was a pitcher.



**Q. Which rib on which side?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Fifth rib, left side.

**Q. And all that time watching television, did you find anything good to watch that we should check out on Netflix?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Well, thankfully the NHL playoffs were going on, so we would watch every game all night.

**Q. When did you hit your growth spurt? You said they were bigger than you.**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** I mean, we probably played that tournament when we were 10 and 11 and I think the U.S. kids were like 11 and 12, so I'd say that's probably about the time where you can tell if you're 10 or 12.

**Q. Did you have good stuff on the mound?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Yeah, I was a good pitcher.

**Q. What was your best pitch?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Threw a curveball, slider, two-seam, four-seam, changeup. Threw it all.

**Q. Pretty good for an 11-year-old.**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Maybe not when I was 11, maybe when I was 15, 16.

**Q. You developed?**

**TAYLOR PENDRITH:** Yeah. When I was 11 it was fastball.

