

ASTARA CHILE CLASSIC

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW

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MASON ANDERSEN (-18)



Q. Mason, here we are again heading into the final round talking to you. Walk me through your day and how everything felt.

MASON ANDERSEN: Didn't feel great, yeah, wasn't great. I wasn't hitting it very well for the longest time, but thankfully my putter saved me. Just looking forward to hopefully hitting it a little bit better tomorrow.

Q. What do you do to kind of stay in it mentally when parts of your game are struggling and you are in the lead throughout the day? What do you do to kind of keep yourself in the moment?

MASON ANDERSEN: Try not to like put so much pressure on things, kind of like I said yesterday. When things are going bad, it's easy to kind of like get worse, especially if you keep putting just added pressure on yourself. Kind of just got to let it happen. I feel like I did a pretty good job of that.

Q. OK. On 18, that was kind of crazy today, in the grandstands, near there, but you still had a great birdie finish, so how was that?

MASON ANDERSEN: Yeah, like four or five 30-yard hooks today. thankfully nobody got hurt or killed on the last hole and I was able to get it up and down.

Q. How's it feel going into the final round in contention and getting a chance at a win?

MASON ANDERSEN: Good, it feels good. Yeah, I'm pretty excited. I don't really know what to expect yet. I'm sure it's going to be something like it was today, so just going to go have a good time, hopefully enjoy myself.

Q. Pontus said y'all had some fun out there today kind of feeding off of each other and y'all played last week in Savannah together on Sunday. How do you feel playing with him again tomorrow?

MASON ANDERSEN: Yeah, Pontus is a great dude, I love playing with that guy. He hits it really well and we have a good time out there, yeah.

Q. If there was like one shot you could pinpoint today that you were just proud of or



that was really cool, is there anything that you can think of and highlight from today?

MASON ANDERSEN: I hit a putt on 16 that was probably going off the front edge of the green, but was pretty confident that I was going to make it before I hit it. Just hit it way too hard, but it still went in, so that was a huge putt.

Q. And then last question, walk us through 18, that being the finishing hole coming down the stretch at the very end. Just playing it, what is it like? What do you try to do? Give us a layout of 18.

MASON ANDERSEN: Yeah, I don't know. I mean, the par 5s out here, it's kind of like if you don't hit a good tee shot, you just take your medicine and lay up to a good number. I've done a pretty good job of that so far this week. But if you hit it in the fairway, go for it. I don't feel like there's that much trouble around the greens really. Yesterday I hit it in the middle of the fairway and my caddie was telling me to lay up, my local caddie. But I told him like no, we're going to go for it.

Q. How did it end up when you went for it?

MASON ANDERSEN: Not good, I made par.

Q. And then I guess just tonight leading into tomorrow, what are your plans? Are you going to practice or are you going to rest, or what's the night look like before tomorrow?

MASON ANDERSEN: Just probably have a few beers and relax, get a lot of rest, just maybe watch The Office, play some video games. A lot of really boring stuff.

