

VERITEX BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW

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PATRICK FISHBURN (-13)



Q. Big eagle there at the end to reach 6 under. Just walk us through that hole and how it felt to get an eagle there at the last.

PATRICK FISHBURN: No, it was great. It's a cool finishing hole. Hit a pretty good drive, just kind of rolled through almost kind of towards 1 fairway and then I had about a 4-iron in from 238 with a crosswind and I hit a pretty good shot, got up there by the fringe and then a little Texas wedge in Texas never hurts. It fell on the last hole, I was lucky, but happy to get a little momentum going for tomorrow.

Q. How was it out there with the wind today? It was a little bit different circumstance, so --

PATRICK FISHBURN: Yeah, last couple days have been pretty tough so you just try and stay patient. My caddie, Tom-O over here, he's trying to keep my patient, trying to keep my temperament even keeled, so that's kind of what you have to do. It's tough out there. Just rely on your short game and take some birdies when you can get them.

Q. Is there anything you kind of honed in on earlier this week or any tweaks or changes you made that you credit for having a better showing than you did, I guess, the first few weeks of the season?

PATRICK FISHBURN: Yeah, it's been a brutal start, five missed cuts this season, so it can only go one way, up. I changed golf balls, I went from the Pro V1x to the regular Pro V, which has been a lot better in the wind. I just made some tweaks with the driver setting, has kind of made all the difference. A little change in mentality, too. It was nice to be home with my two little kids, so it kind of brings you back into where you're -- a better perspective. I feel like if I manage my emotions and try to be a little more calm and kind of all those things have added up to a little better play.

Q. How old are your kids?

PATRICK FISHBURN: I have a 4-month-old and an 18-month-old, so my wife has got her hands full right now while I'm away. Two little boys.

Q. They're back home in Utah?



PATRICK FISHBURN: Back in Utah, still snow on the ground unfortunately.

Q. So what's that like? Do you check in with them on FaceTime and stuff?

PATRICK FISHBURN: Yep, a lot of FaceTime, as much as possible. It definitely makes it harder to leave a little bit, but it's a lot of fun when I get to go home and see them after a couple weeks, for sure.

Q. What are you looking forward to about tomorrow? Kind of like you said, after a few missed cuts suddenly you'll be either in the final group or the second-to-last group with a shot to chase your first title out here.

PATRICK FISHBURN: Yeah, yeah, nothing to lose. It's a great spot to be. You always want to play yourself into that group. I really like the golf course, I feel pretty comfortable out here. Hopefully I can just continue what I'm doing and see what happens.

Q. You said 18's a good finishing hole. Why is that? What would make it a good finishing hole?

PATRICK FISHBURN: Just a par-5 where you can have a lot of things either go your way or go against you. It kind of forces you to go for it because if you lay up, you have to lay way back. So I think par 5s or par 4s that kind of force you to go for it are kind of fun, just brings a lot of variables into play. It's a fun finishing hole, for sure.

Q. I know you're close with Tony Finau and he's gotten -- his story has gotten a worldwide platform now with Netflix and people, I know he's got a lot of new fans. What's that been like just knowing Tony and seeing how so much of the world has seen what he's like and a family guy and to know his wife and kids?

PATRICK FISHBURN: Tony's always been a great example for me on how to handle yourself on the course and off the course. There's not a better guy playing professional golf than Tony. I think Golf Digest came out with him as the No. 1 nicest guy and I'd vote for him as well. He's been a guy, a great guy to look to to kind of handle yourself and he's always there to support me and other guys in Utah as well. It's been a good state to grow up in Utah, there's a lot of support from a lot of people and pros like Tony to kind of look up to, for sure.

