

POST-ROUND INTERVIEW
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PATRICK CANTLAY (-4)



Q. Nice start for you and Joe. Anything specifically, a difference that you saw pay off today?

PATRICK CANTLAY: No difference. Played really well today. The course was gettable on my front nine, although I kind of finished with a flurry there with the eagle and the birdie on 7 and 8. So it was all in all a much easier day than the practice rounds with the wind being manageable today.

Q. What was the club into 7?

PATRICK CANTLAY: 7-iron.

Q. And just overall for the round, what were you most proud of and satisfied with?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I thought I got up and down really well. I left myself in a couple tough spots, had some longer pitches from 30, 40, 50 yards and I got a few of those up and down and kind of kept the momentum, so that was big.

Q. Going to the first round with Joe, when you're out on the golf course, do you want to talk golf all the time, club selection, golf course, or are you more of a Dodgers and dinner kind of guy, talk about anything but golf?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, mostly anything but golf in between shots and then click in 30 seconds before.

Q. Was there a learning curve at all with Joe? Seems like you two kind of hit it off from the start.

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, he filled in a week for me a couple years ago. We've known each other a few years now and he's a pro and I've been doing it a little while now, so it's pretty easy transition.

Q. What made you think to ask him to come out and work for you?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Just having a close relationship with Fred Couples and having him speak so highly of Joe all the time. It just, like I said, I felt like I needed a change and it just seemed to work.

Q. Do you do a lot of the work yourself? I mean, in other words, yardage book and



like self-reliant, or do you lean on a caddie a good bit?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I don't carry a book, so I'll look at Joe's book all day today, but I don't carry a book. I figure he's a pro, so he can get the numbers for me.

Q. Have you always not carried a book?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, since I turned pro.

Q. Did you have him help on many reads?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, a couple. He had a really good read on 8 and made a tricky putt there up the hill.

Q. What was the reason for deciding no book when you started playing pro golf?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I mean, if I need to look at the book, I figured there would be one right there. For the most part I should know the golf courses after playing a couple practice rounds, so I figured don't need to carry a book.

Q. Do you want a pep talk at all from a caddie if things are going bad or do you prefer that they keep to themselves or like sort of -- I'm sure he has to learn like what you are comfortable with and that might not always be easy?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I think it depends. Sometimes I can be -- sometimes I can get very inconsolable and there's nothing that anybody can say, but the right thing, the right comment at the right time can sometimes turn around a round or get you back on track.

Q. What's one thing Freddie said to you about Joe that made you think, yeah, this is the right guy for me?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Fred's just spoke so highly of him not just as a caddie but as a friend, that he's just a great dude. I trust Fred a lot, he's a good friend of mine and I've gotten pretty close to him over the years, so when he says something like that, I know he keeps a tight circle, he means it.

Q. Has he converted you into a Yankees or Giants or Rangers fan?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Not yet, not yet. He's working on Yankees fan, though. he's working on me.

