

PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP
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ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTE
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JOHN VANDERLAAN (-16)

Q. John, another good day, entering the final round solo leader. I guess mentality, how are you feeling right now?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: I don't think you could feel anything but good right now. I've played a lot of good golf these last three days. Nothing's going to change mentality wise going into tomorrow, just kind of stick to the game plan and see where everything falls. But obviously always a good thing to be in the lead.

Q. Were you in the final group in Bogota in 2020?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: I was, yeah.

Q. Is there anything you can take from that experience and maybe address it this week?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Yeah, for sure. I made a couple mistakes early and kind of got behind the 8-ball, but it was a great experience I was playing in Bogota in the final group. I was playing with Camilo down there, so we had a bunch of fans following. Excited for tomorrow. Just kind of keep doing what we're doing and see how everything shakes out.

Q. Your fiancée showed up today. How helpful is that I guess mentally for you?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Oh, for sure, yeah. I mean, it's great. It's awesome. She wanted to drop everything and fly here. We're moving into a new townhouse that we're buying next week and she's been packing everything up, and she just flew out here. It just keeps it a little more lighthearted out there, a couple more smiles than I would otherwise have. Yeah, it's good to have her here for sure.

Q. Sounds like there's a lot going on, house, the wedding, playing well. How much of a relief is that knowing that everything's going so well and there's maybe a little bit of pressure toward the end of the year, but knowing that everything else in life is going well?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Yeah, I can't complain about anything right now. I've played a lot of good golf this year and just kind of haven't capitalized on some of it. So it's nice to get three good ones out here to start and put myself in the lead heading into tomorrow. But there's a



lot of golf left to play, so we'll just do what we've got to do.

Q. Was there anything that kept the round going today, one shot or --

JOHN VANDERLAAN: You know, I played solid all day, I hit it nicely all day. I kind of got off to a hot start, made a couple nice putts in the first couple holes. It's always nice to jump out early like that and kind of put some pressure on the other guys. I would say just nice to get off to a good start, but I kind of played solid all day, gave myself a lot of chances and was able to roll in a few putts.

Q. Did you come into the week with kind of good hopes? You played here, what, four times, made the cut twice?

JOHN VANDERLAAN: Yeah, I've been playing a lot of solid golf leading into this. The last few weeks the results don't really show it, but I've been hitting it great, just haven't been getting the putts to fall. Found a little something early in the week with the putter and got some to go in. Yeah, just a lot of good vibes going on through the bag and looking forward to tomorrow.

