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**NICK DUNLAP**

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**JOHN BUSH:** Here with Nick Dunlap at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am making his professional debut.

Nick, if we can get some comments on being here at Pebble Beach.

**NICK DUNLAP:** Yeah it's great. First of all, just to thank American Express just for giving me that spot and allowing me to do this and chase my professional dreams.

A little different than the weather in La Quinta. It's windy and a little chilly here. Happy to be here and it's better than being in class.

**Q. What have the last couple weeks been like for you?**

**NICK DUNLAP:** The last like six days --

**Q. Whatever.**

**NICK DUNLAP:** -- seven days? Hectic, but also really cool. To kind of -- I've had numerous moments where you just kind of have to take it all in, it's overwhelming.

But also I've dreamed about doing this my whole life and playing golf on the PGA TOUR. To finally be here and to be able to do that as a 20-year-old is pretty cool.

**Q. Did you have like a timeline two years ago, a year ago of kind of what this path would be and how much did obviously last week kind of throw everything in a loop?**

**NICK DUNLAP:** Yeah, I think the new PGA TOUR University program that they've set up for college athletes and just to see some of the guys that have already gone through that and had so much success, I thought that was kind of going to be the -- I thought that was kind of going to be the way that I was kind of going to go.

Obviously I wasn't expecting to go out and win last week, but yeah, you know, turning professional I thought through that PGA TOUR University, I would have a couple months to figure out my path and figure out everything outside of professional golf because now I'm learning how much there is outside of that. But no, to do it all in six days has been a little much, but it's been a lot of fun.

**Q. Do you know what your schedule is going to look like through the Masters?**



**NICK DUNLAP:** I have an idea, but not entirely sure yet. I'm still figuring that out with Hunter, my caddie. He's still -- he's still working with his dad, so we're trying to figure all that out as we speak.

**Q. How long did it take for you to make the decision after Sunday night?**

**NICK DUNLAP:** I would say I knew that I was probably going to turn pro just with the opportunity that had been presented, but also I wanted to go back and talk to my teammates and talk to my parents and my coach and get their opinion and their two cents worth before I did anything.

**Q. Was it unanimous?**

**NICK DUNLAP:** They were -- they were all supportive of whatever I thought I needed to do going forward, whether that be stay in college or chase this professional dream.

**Q. You played a practice round yesterday with Scottie, Sam. How have those guys kind of acted with you kind of jumping on their tour?**

**NICK DUNLAP:** Yeah, it's been really cool. I got to play a couple rounds with Ludvig in college, so it's kind of come full circle in a short amount of time.

Scottie and Sam were awesome. I've reached out to them on numerous occasions the last week just seeing what their advice is on certain things and their opinions on some of the things I'm doing moving forward.

**Q. Any advice you can share?**

**NICK DUNLAP:** Trying to figure out what I'm going to do with school moving forward, whether that's take a couple classes or drop for the semester. I'm still kind of working through that, but we'll see.

**Q. Kind of how do you balance that phase of (inaudible), how do you balance knowing you can win but also you know there's still going to be a progression?**

**NICK DUNLAP:** Yeah, I think that's golf in general though, you're going to go through your ups and downs. Right now I'm on an up, which is awesome. That's why we play golf, that's why the downs make these times so great.

Right now I'm just enjoying it, trying to learn as much as I can. Like I said, playing practice rounds with Scottie and Sam, they've obviously proven themselves as some of the best players on the planet. So learn from them, learn what they do in practice rounds, how they prepare and try to incorporate that in my own game.

**Q. Outside of what the last couple days have been like, what are your thoughts on**



**this place?**

**NICK DUNLAP:** It's really pretty. It's not as pretty today as it was the last two days, but no, just yesterday it's 65 degrees, the weather's perfect, sun's out and playing the last couple holes on Pebble, so it's pretty special. I remember playing this place on PGA TOUR Play Station game, so to be out here and to see it for the first time is pretty cool.

