

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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PATRICK CANTLAY (-8)

Q. Patrick, what did you do well today?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I managed -- I managed well. I mean, I didn't get off to the hottest start. I chipped in on 13. I missed a bunch of greens off the start. My short game was really sharp today and made a bunch of those midrange putts to keep the momentum going throughout the round.

Q. Is it easy when you're bracing for the worst of the weather and it doesn't get bad?

PATRICK CANTLAY: It was -- you know, I was glad to see the change in the forecast. It was a much better weather day than I anticipated. Today was actually pretty nice other than some early showers.

Q. More pleased with the chip-in or the sunshine?

PATRICK CANTLAY: One probably facilitated the other.

Q. Did I hear you say you thought the greens were running smoother than Torrey?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I think so, yeah, definitely.

Q. So obviously yesterday you were -- you were -- your results of the voting by the board came to fruition and we all know what happened.

First question, did you feel comfortable with everything that you saw in the agreement or are there things that you think still need to be worked out?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I think hopefully this strengthens up the PGA TOUR, that's the idea, and I think it will. The investors that we have coming alongside are very experienced and very sophisticated and hopefully it's a real positive step in the right direction. I think it will be.

Q. Jordan said the same thing that you just said. I'm not suggesting that you're using the same cards to read off of. The question is, how is it that these guys and how much involvement are they going to really have in what's going to be going on, I don't know, from an operational standpoint day to day? What exactly are they going to be involved in?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I think anytime someone makes a sizeable investment like that



they're going to be watching over the investment. I think because of their sports experience we'll really lean on their expertise to try to grow the sport and make it as good as it possibly can be.

Q. Is it too simple to say that half of the investment is just paying off a bunch of players?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I don't think that really, really is --

Q. That's harsh, I get it.

PATRICK CANTLAY: I don't think that's really a fair characterization. I think it's bringing the PGA TOUR into the future.

Q. And when you talk about the future, and this came up and it's a chance for us to do better, make our product stronger, et cetera, what exactly does that mean? I'm not suggesting everything's perfect, but what's wrong with it that needs to get better?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Well, I think you've already seen some changes by the Tour over the last couple years, sizeable changes, so --

Q. Getting the top guys together?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Getting the top guys together more often, which I think is good. You know, this event you see has the strongest field that it's had in a number have years and I think that's fantastic, I think that's what the fans want to see.

I really hope that this deal brings about change that really makes it better for the fans because I think they've suffered a lot over the last couple years and I hope that the product will be better for them going forward.

Q. A \$12 billion valuation, what you've seen, are you comfortable with that number?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I don't know if that's really my place to say. I'm not an expert at valuing companies, especially one as complicated as the PGA TOUR. So I'm not going to comment on that. That's not nearly my expertise.

Q. Rory made a comment early this week about the players who went to LIV that may want to come back. His comment was (no microphone.)

PATRICK CANTLAY: Um-hmm.

Q. As someone who's probably going to be in some of those discussions, do you agree with that?



PATRICK CANTLAY: I think everyone's divided. Like I've said, over the last couple years I've been pretty the same. I mean, people are welcome to make the choices that they'd like to make. It's a personal choice, it has been.

And as far as coming back, we'll see. It's up to a group of us. I know players feel all over the board on that issue and so my job as a player-director is to represent the entire membership. So if something like that were to come down the road, I'm sure we would have to have a robust conversation around that topic.

Q. Do you have any sense how a majority of the players think on that subject? I appreciate that it's wide ranging, but --

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I mean, good question. I'd have to talk to them more to really understand. We've been so focused on this last -- you know, the last many months on this deal that I haven't really been putting a ton of thought into that until the moment comes because I've been trying to focus on what's in front of me.

Q. How much time did you spend on the phone would you say from Sunday onward?

PATRICK CANTLAY: A little bit. I had some conversations.

Q. Could you try and quantify without being exact?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Not as much as I have been golfing.

Q. That works beautifully. Are you surprised by -- I mean some people have claimed it's a big distraction to be so invested in this thing and then try to play golf for a living. You seem to do OK, at least for today.

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, at least for today. I think you have to compartmentalize. When you're doing what you're doing you have to be as focused as you can be. Maybe it's a little harder with all the distractions. But resolve to do as best I can in focusing at the task at hand and I thought I did a good job of that today at Spyglass.

Q. Your allegiance as you mentioned earlier was to the players?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yep.

Q. Does that not change now that you're running a business versus being a nonprofit organization?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I think the PGA TOUR is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit, that will stay the same. One of the objects of the nonprofit is to benefit the members and I think this new paradigm will benefit the members, so I don't think that's lost.



Q. And yesterday we talked with Jordan about the need, I guess, to have the negotiations and ultimately bring PIF into the relationship. Do you feel that PIF needs to be part of this group anymore?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I think the PGA TOUR's definitely stronger after having this deal go through. As far as PIF, I haven't been having any, you know, real conversations myself about that, so I think that's a question for down the road for the board and also for the Newco board to decide.

Q. Did you think of any of these answers while you were standing over a shot today?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I didn't. I was focused out there. I mean, I missed so many greens, I was trying to get up and down.

Q. I wanted to go back to one kind of phrase you used about the fans suffering. How do you think they've suffered? What did you mean by that?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I mean, I think the uncertainty and so much conversation around things that aren't golf is not what people want to see. People want to see golf with the best players in the world playing against each other. They want to see as many shots as they possibly can and I don't think they want to see or hear about this extra noise.

Q. And on the product improving, I get a sense that a lot of the focus at least from the Tour's side is geared so much towards content and media. Is that accurate, do you think, and do you know exactly what that means even though I'm in the media?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I think it's back to what I'm saying about the fans. We really want --

Q. Viewing fans in this case?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Viewing fans. From my seat, the more people that are interested in golf, the better. The PGA TOUR's not only here to appeal to -- make golf appeal to more people, but also to have those people watch and be able to follow us. If there's an increased attention on the media side of things to be able to show that to the fan base more, I think that's fantastic.

Q. I have one more. Do you know what you're doing the rest of the year schedule-wise?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, a loose idea, 80, 90 percent.

Q. What would keep you from just saying exactly what you're playing this year? Is it because in case something comes up and you change your mind and you've let somebody down?



PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I think for the most part that's mainly it, although I'm sure you could tick off the list a number of spots that we could -- that come hell or high water I'll be there.

Q. I understand that. I guess what I'm getting at is --

(Unintelligible.)

PATRICK CANTLAY: We could. Today was a little better.

Q. You talk about the uncertainty of which tournaments are getting which fields.

PATRICK CANTLAY: I thought you said one more?

Q. What's that?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I'm just kidding.

Q. What keeps a player from saying look, I'm playing this this year?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Say that again?

Q. I'm just wondering what would keep players from saying here's what I'm doing this year if tournaments have not so much complained but talked about the fact that we don't really know who's coming until last minute.

PATRICK CANTLAY: Probably like you mentioned, a little bit of the letdown if the schedules were to change.

Q. You said you were coming and now you're not?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, there could be yeah.

