

SIMMONS BANK OPEN for the SNEDEKER FOUNDATION

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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PAUL PETERSON (-6)

PAUL PETERSON: (In progress) quality time with him. And then we got a ton of rain down in St. Simons, so I ended up going up to Maryland to do practice at TPC with my coach. It was nice to check in with him. Yeah, it's been good.

Q. Is there anything you've in particular been working on in your game? Anything like swing thoughts, mental stuff?

PAUL PETERSON: Yeah, we do a little checkup on some kind of biomechanics stuff just kind of getting everything sequenced right. I was a little out of sequence, so we did a little sequence work. That seems to be helping like not feeling like I'm putting so much effort into the swing so it feels a little more effortless, so it's nice.

Q. Who's your coach?

PAUL PETERSON: His name's Pat McGuire. He's up in Reston, Virginia.

Q. How long have you worked with him? How did you connect?

PAUL PETERSON: Since 2013 or 2012. He had a performance center at the Legacy in Phoenix when we lived out there, so connected with him and we've been on a long journey of a lot of countries and continents together, so it's been cool.

Q. The birdie on 18, could you talk through what you hit in, how far you had in?

PAUL PETERSON: Yeah. We had 225 hole. A little bit breeze into, so we were trying to land something between 225 and 230 with that wind playing. Yeah, I hit a really good one in there. I thought it might even work towards that hole a little bit more. Nice to get one at the last because I lipped out pretty hard on 17, so it was nice to get that back.

Q. You had a nice fist pump there.

PAUL PETERSON: Yeah. Well, you know, I think this day is going to turn into something tough for the guys going off in the afternoon, so any shot that you can get above -- when the weather's nice, you've got to take advantage of these days while we can because it doesn't sound like the weather's going to be good for the next couple days, so those count, for sure. It was nice to have some momentum to end the day. Started with a birdie and ended with a birdie, which was nice. Yeah, I mean, on a day like this, it's nice to be like kind of separated



a little bit.

Q. And there were a couple hugs and stuff. Is that like normal or are you just emotional like that?

PAUL PETERSON: We have a great group. Fernando, my caddie, and I are really close since he started working with me in Kansas City. We were out there with Alvaro Ortiz and (indiscernible) and those are kind of the guys I've been hanging out with the last couple months so it was a fun pairing. We all played great so it was nice to have momentum in the group. I think Alvaro shot 4 under, I'm not sure, Braden was probably 3 or 4. Yeah, it was great to have just some solid momentum with everybody and get along really well with Braden and Craig. It was a great pairing.

Q. And lastly, how would you describe what these next few weeks mean to you in your career?

PAUL PETERSON: Yeah. I mean, listen, you know what you've got to do, so it's like for me I need to have the best event of the year and I'm pretty aware of that. I'm just going to put my best foot forward and do everything I can to accomplish it.

