

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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PATTON KIZZIRE (-13)

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Q. Patton, good playing there. Can you take us through your round?

PATTON KIZZIRE: I don't even remember it really. I know -- so I'll start on 1, made a nice birdie on 1. That always helps you settle in. I just struggled a little bit, I wasn't hitting the fairways. I was battling a little bit hitting good putts that weren't going in.

I stayed patient and kept my head and by the time I got to the back nine, that even keel paid off, I made six birdies on the back nine and turned it into a great day.

Q. And I think I have to follow up on what you just said about wearing no shoes, going around barefoot, hugging trees. How long into this new mental coach are you and what's that been like as you've taken it to the golf course?

PATTON KIZZIRE: I've had a little bit of time off. I missed the Playoffs, so I wanted to make a little bit of an adjustment with my golf game, mental game and physical game. It's been really cool to just get organized and try to be more playful out there and be unflappable, that's kind of my word.

Q. That's the end, sort of the broader goal is just to find the joy in playing more?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, just finding joy and positivity and really not letting yourself go the other way, that's been a key to my first two rounds.

Q. Were you joking about hugging trees or are you really hugging trees?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Oh, you know, not joking. I hugged that tree right there.

Q. Let me ask you this: Coming into Napa and starting the Fall FedExCup here at Silverado, did you have a feeling about your game that this would be a good week after the way you started yesterday and continuing today?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah. Like I said, I've had a lot of positive vibes and positive thoughts. I was looking forward to bringing it here and continuing that and growing that. This is a good place, this is a great golf course and I enjoy playing it. There's always the doubt of whether you're going to do it or not, but the positivity has outweighed that doubt and I've been able to trump it. That's been the key for me the first two days.

Q. Something about this golf course that kind of fits your eye, fits your game, suits your shot selection out here?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, I love the shapes of the holes, some of the greens have overhanging trees, a lot of slope on the green, a lot of creativity and some decision making. Certain lines you have to make off the tees that have to be really precise. I just enjoy playing it, it's a really cool golf course and I've been able to see the greens really well and roll the ball on that line.

Q. Are you aware of the history here at Silverado, Jack Nicklaus, Johnny Miller, Ben Crenshaw, pretty good champions here. Do you feel like your game is up to speed on Sunday to contend for this championship?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, there's only one way to find out, right? This weekend will be fun, I'm looking forward to giving it my best go and trying to join those guys. Those guys are legends, I've got a long way to go to get there, but it will be a good start.

Q. (No microphone.)

PATTON KIZZIRE: That was it. I could have gotten frustrated or talked about a bad shot or worried about why am I not hitting it like I want to or all those different things, but I chose not to do that. I still didn't play my best on the back nine, I just capitalized whenever I had an opportunity and made a few good putts and it was a lot of fun.

Q. Did you hug any trees today?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yes, yes, I've hugged one tree in my life and that was this morning.

Q. Do you have some pretty good history here at Silverado? Do you like this (inaudible)?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, the routing has changed. I think last year was the first year the routing changed.

And I have had some good history here. The first time I played it I think I should have won. I had the lead with a few holes to play, another guy played really well, Brendan Steele played very well at the end and beat me by a stroke. I know I can do it and I'm looking forward to the opportunity this weekend.