

## DINERS CLUB PERU OPEN

### ROUND 4 QUOTES

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HUNTER WOLCOTT (-19)



**Q. Hunter, you're the winner of the Diners Club Peru Open. First thoughts?**

**HUNTER WOLCOTT:** Just all glory to God. I'm so thankful to be here and I'm very thankful that the one-shot penalty did not incur me to win this golf tournament, that it all came out to be how it was supposed to be. Just so thankful for all the work that I put in, and my fiancée that's at home, my family that has so much support for me, I'm just so thankful for everybody. Just so many people to thank and just overwhelmed with emotion.

**Q. What a crazy turn of events. David Perkins was in control that final stretch with 17, that's a tough hole, and there was a three-shot swing, you make birdie, he makes double, you take the lead with one hole to play. Take us through that moment out there on the golf course.**

**HUNTER WOLCOTT:** Yeah, I had a very shaky front nine and the entire back nine I just kind of told myself I just want to play the golf course for nine holes, and I feel like I did that extremely well.

So 17, nothing changed. I wasn't trying to go at the pin, I wasn't trying to be ultra- aggressive, I was just trying to play to my spot in the middle of the green and take what the hole gave me. It gave me an uphill putt.

It's unfortunate for David, he's a phenomenal player. I mean, he really golfed his ball this week. But I rolled the putt in and came down to 18 and just heart was beating really fast and hands were shaking. I just committed and saw my shot. I let the voice inside me be positive and be very loud and not let the small demons kind of come into the forefront. Spoke my shots into existence and then was able to make a nice par on 18.

**Q. And when he hit it in the water there, it was pretty much sealed, right?**

**HUNTER WOLCOTT:** Yeah, it was, but I'm still trying to play the golf course. That was my goal this week was to play the golf course and not play the leaderboard. I could have puttied it a little bit differently knowing that I had three putts at it, but I just wanted to play the golf course and finish up a good nine holes, I owed it to myself.

**Q. This is what we spoke about after Round 1 going back to the 63 in Córdoba and not having a good week and being frustrated about that, but this week you spoke about sticking to your game plan, not looking at the leaderboard. So this time it**



**worked out?**

**HUNTER WOLCOTT:** Yeah, sometimes it does. I feel really good about where I'm at mentally. Did a lot of good work with my mental coach when I was home. Called him over the past couple days, he's been a great help, Joe Whitney.

Yeah, it's just amazing kind of how this game has the ebbs and flows and feel like you're on top of the world, in Córdoba shoot 63 and kicks you right in the teeth in Rio and Quito, so it was really nice to come out here and put four really good rounds together.

**Q. Through four events you will make a nice move up the standings on the Fortinet Cup race. We're far down, but this is a step forward moving closer to the Korn Ferry Tour.**

**HUNTER WOLCOTT:** Absolutely. There's still a goal down here in Latin America before we go to Canada, they give out some cards for the top players down here. Going to enjoy this but come tomorrow I'm going to get ready for Mexico City and try to finish these next two weeks out and maybe see myself at the top of the Latin swing.

**Q. That putt on 17 was so clutch and such a swing, we talked about it already, but talk about the length of the putt, what you saw and the feeling when you see it disappear into the cup.**

**HUNTER WOLCOTT:** Yeah, so it was about 24 feet uphill right to left. Everything was happening with David, it was really hard to kind of stay in the moment. I was talking myself through it, just stick to your process, stick to your process. I had it about two cups out right, and I had left a putt on 9 earlier in the day in the heart short dead into the grain. It was a similar like grain, just really uphill so I kind of just told myself, hey, give this an opportunity. Thought I left it short and it got in the last rotation. It was really cool to see that one go because the one on 16 didn't go that I thought was probably a better putt.

**Q. You mentioned fiancée. Just tell me about what you're thinking of her right now, your message to her and what her support means to you, especially in a moment like this?**

**HUNTER WOLCOTT:** Yeah, she means the world to me. I love her so much.

Saydie, I love you, I'm thankful for you, I couldn't be where I'm at today without your sacrifice and I can't wait to celebrate this with you, Saydie.

**Q. I think we didn't make too much emphasis in this interview on you taking that shot penalty on Thursday. On Friday, sorry. The frustration that it brought, you being the first player to be assessed a penalty with these pace of play rules and then coming through that, it has to be so satisfying.**



**HUNTER WOLCOTT:** It is extremely satisfying. I was very angry Friday, very bitter. I felt like I was a victim of the moment and you can let yourself be a victim or you can overcome in. Man, a lot of prayer, a lot of talks with my fiancée, with my mental coach to move by that. To come out here and be able to just turn the page and just realize there's 36 more holes of golf and to play the best that I can for 36 holes, doing that and to come out on top, it feels incredible. I'm very thankful that I was able to turn the page and turn that energy into focus and not let it fester in the back of my mind.

**Q. How much more satisfying then does it make this victory for you?**

**HUNTER WOLCOTT:** Pretty good. Just I have my opinions on the pace of play policy and obviously we don't have to get into that, but it worked out so don't need to -- I've truly turned the page from it. There's no part of this last weekend that I was worrying about it. It never came into my mind when David had a big lead, oh, I'm one shot really more. I truly turned the page and was focusing on the shot at hand and I really did that to great execution.

