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**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**PATRICK WELCH (-8)**



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**Q. Patrick, great round, right up close to the lead right now. Just sort of walk me through some of the highlights of the day's round and what was really working for you.**

**PATRICK WELCH:** Yeah, let's see. I don't know, it just kind of happened really naturally. I just hit a lot of greens. A lot of the birdies I made I hit within six feet so I had a lot of looks but a lot of really good looks, and then I just kind of kept it going all day, so it was nice.

**Q. What do you make of the course and sort of the test it presents?**

**PATRICK WELCH:** It's a sweet course. I didn't play too great here last year, so I was looking forward to coming back. The greens are pretty fast and they're a little bumpy, so you've just got to stay patient, get as many looks as you can throughout the day, just kind of count 'em up at the end.

**Q. What would you say your season's been like? You're about like 60 or something on the points list right now, or just inside that. What would you say about your season?**

**PATRICK WELCH:** You know, I mean, overall good just from the spot of like going in the Playoffs inside the top-75 helps. I think I'm like 54 right now. I had one really good week a month, month and a half ago. I've made a lot of cuts but I haven't finished as high as I'd like. Just kind of take it as it is and try to move forward.

Overall, the season's been -- it could be worse, it could be better, but I'd take it right now.

**Q. What do you think the difference was in the one week where you had that really high finish compared to those other weeks where you're making the cut but not really getting much else out of it?**

**PATRICK WELCH:** Probably just not making as many mistakes. I mean, it's only the first day today so I'm not saying I'm going to do that the rest of the week, but I did a really good job of staying patient today. It's kind of hard to do that in a sense for all 72 holes.

The week I played really well, it just all clicked and I was in a really good rhythm that week. I try to do that in other tournaments, but sometimes it doesn't work out.

Yeah, just taking it one day at a time. I'm happy with the round I played today, but tomorrow's another fresh start, just go from there.

**Q. Is there like an area or just, you know, something specific about either yourself or your game that you feel like has progressed the most in like the almost two, two and a half years that you've been out here now?**

**PATRICK WELCH:** Yeah, I think my putting's definitely come along a little bit. I can get pretty streaky, I can make a lot of birdies but sometimes just can't buy a putt all day.

Today was pretty nice, but I hit it really, really good today. I putted well, but it wasn't like I was making anything outside like 15, 20 feet. I just hit it really well today.

And I feel like my ball-striking's been a pretty big strength of mine. Keep it in the fairway and try to hit as many greens as you can. That's kind of my goal each day I go out, and today it worked.

**Q. Did you do anything exciting during the three weeks off?**

**PATRICK WELCH:** Watched a lot of football. Let's see, I moved out of my buddy's house. Yeah, played some golf last week, or for the -- I took about 10, 11 days off and just got back into the rhythm of things last week and started to pick it up. My game felt good, my swing felt good, so I was looking forward to this week.

**Q. What was the approach in terms of just taking 10, 11 days, no golf clubs, just the thought process?**

**PATRICK WELCH:** Well, the move took about five, six days, but then it rained like every day in Oklahoma. I'd go to the course, eat lunch, but the range was closed or the course was closed and stuff. I was just hanging around. I think I needed that break. I mean, it's been a long year for all of us out here traveling, just grinding every week. It was nice. I've taken longer breaks before, so 10, 11 days was just fine.