

ROUND 2 QUOTES
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HENRIK STENSON (-8)



Q. Henrik, 5 under par today, 67, solid round of golf. Do you think like yesterday at Spyglass, that solid round set up this round?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, I mean, I've got very limited experience playing here other than the two U.S. Opens that I played. Spyglass was definitely a new experience. Judging from what I heard and so on, it feels like that's a little bit harder, for sure. Front nine at Pebble, you want to set up some chances and score fairly low there. Yeah, I was happy with the way I played yesterday. Got something I'm working on and just trying to keep the old guy going.

Q. Yeah, 67 today, 5 under par, how would you assess the day? What was going well in your eyes?

HENRIK STENSON: I think I kept it well in play for the most part. Hit a lot of fairways and greens. Gave up a very sloppy bogey on hole No. 4 but got it back with a birdie on 6 and 7. So yeah, it was fairly solid. I saved myself pretty good on a couple of occasions. Had some birdie chances from 10 to 13, but I didn't really make anything so it was nice to birdie 14 and then got some here on the end as well.

Q. Yeah, a nice up-and-down there on 18. You played in a handful of events out here on PGA Tour Champions. You're starting to settle in a little bit and find yourself tied for the lead going into tomorrow. Do you feel like you're settling in?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, for me, I had eight and a half months with no competition up until April and it really kicked on from the Senior U.S. Open was the start of my season. Yeah, I feel like I've been a work in progress, making some progress, and even after that break I would say it's more positives than negatives. Yeah, we keep chipping away and working on things and yeah, nice to be in this position. See what we can do tomorrow.

Q. Nice round today, Henrik, 5 under par, put yourself -- birdied three of the last five, put yourself tied for the lead going into tomorrow. You've got to feel good about yourself.

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, I was happy with the way I played yesterday and how it felt. We're trying to build some confidence and trying to build some trust in the movements. When I went on this long break, I wasn't playing good at all. Now kind of easing my way back into competition. Yeah, a good few tournaments into the season now for me starting in the middle of the summer, it feels like we're getting closer. Yeah, happy to be out here. It's a beautiful part of the world to play golf at. Even though it's overcast today, it's still a nice place to play golf. Yeah, so far, so good.



Q. How does this place rank for you as a tournament venue and what's the emotional experience been like returning?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, it's great to come back. I have to say when I played last here it was the 2019 U.S. Open and I had a great week. I thought it was -- when you played as many majors, as many tournaments as I have played, a lot of it is competition, it's work, it's all that, but this is a place you can thoroughly enjoy just being out there. You feel like you can just play golf. We're playing golf in a very beautiful setting and a cool golf course. Yeah, happy to be back here and obviously playing with the juniors, yeah, just the overall has been a lot of fun.

Q. Is there a moment from your history playing here even before you played in the events at this golf course that sticks out to you historically?

HENRIK STENSON: No. Just watching Tiger demolish the field back in the day, right, in 2000. Being European and not having been much on the West Coast in the early days, I really -- coming here in 2010 for the U.S. Open that G-Mac won was kind of my first experience other than watching it on TV.

Q. Did your appreciation for that performance from Tiger grow after you got here and saw it?

HENRIK STENSON: I'd say it was a decent showing.

Q. Can you talk about having more reps under your belt out here and getting in contention like you are this week?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, I think from what I can tell so far, Spyglass is a pretty tough golf course, or tougher than this one. I certainly got rewarded for pretty solid striking out there yesterday. When you turn up after 11 here and coming in, it was kind of into the breeze. They're not super long holes, but you've still got to manage your way around and hit fairways and hit greens.

Yeah, I'm just happy as time goes on and the more competition and the more golf I play, I feel like I'm making slow progress. Clearly I've kept the score nicely together this week to be kind of up there towards the top of the leaderboard. Yeah, I'm just going to go home and rest up and come back out and hopefully, together with my junior we can make some more birdies tomorrow.

