ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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Q. Rounds of 66, 64. How are you feeling heading into the weekend?

PETER MALNATI: I feel good. You know, it's fun to shoot good scores. Like I work really hard on my game and I haven't had tons to show for that lately. I've been -- even the tournaments where I have scraped out some decent results, it's always like scraping and clawing to make the cut, and then scraping and clawing to like climb and get those few little points there, the difference between 35th and 25th.

So to be kind of not in that position coming down the stretch on a Friday where it's, oh, I'm actually like, I don't even have to think about the cutline, I can think about playing golf. That was fun. Yeah, that was good.

Q. Going off that, what's it like when you're working on those things and see it translate in round competition?

PETER MALNATI: It feels really good. Like it's really fun to know like the work -- like the golfer that I feel like I am when I prepare can do it inside the ropes. To see it like Thursday and Friday, we'll find out more the next two days of course, but the evidence is there, I can do it. Like obviously I've won twice on Tour so I know that.

But the Tour is rapidly evolving, getting more competitive. So to play here where there's so many guys like me trying to scrape and claw and find their place for next year on Tour and to be so competitive for two rounds, it feels really good.

Q. Did you feel it coming?

PETER MALNATI: I really like the way I've been working for a long time, but I was pretty disappointed last week at Vidanta. I thought I was ready to play well there and I just didn't. Really, my game didn't feel quite right, my driver swing was off and I was disappointed because going into it I felt ready.

So I felt ready again this week and you almost in a way like after doing it for so long, you're like, gosh, am I just setting myself up for disappointment by saying I feel ready?

I'm trying really, really hard to lean into this idea of like, you know, the outcome is a product of what I do on each shot. So just like lean into like giving my best to each shot. But your question was, do I see it coming? The answer is like I feel really good about my work, but once you get inside the ropes, you've got to do it there and I don't know that I saw this coming.

Q. Have you been putting like this?

PETER MALNATI: It's so interesting, I mentioned yesterday in my comments how proud I am of the PGA Tour. The PGA Tour does pretty much everything right. They're on the cutting edge of everything in professional golf, but the Shotlink system they're using this week stinks, it doesn't work at all. So I don't know how they're even claiming to have statistical information. Like, it's terrible. And I say that like as a challenge to like get it better to the Tour or just don't use it yet.

Like don't like -- because I putted awesome today, don't get me wrong, but I made a long putt on --

Q. 8.

PETER MALNATI: I made a long putt on 8 and there was one other really nice putt that I made somewhere, but it was just like a 20-footer. I made 20-footer for eagle on 14.

Outside of that, like my putting was -- is great. Like I putted nicely, but I missed a short one on 17. I didn't -- I don't know, I feel like I played pretty solid today.

You know, the narrative of, "oh, I just made it from everywhere" is kind of frustrating because I actually hit it pretty nice. But I don't care, I don't care how I get to this score, I'll get to the score. The score is the only thing that matters so I'll get to the score any way that I can.

But that just, I think that needed to be said. I think there's a deal too where Potgieter, his driving distance was way off and one thing, you know, he cares about that, as he should.

I just think the Shotlink system that we're using -- the volunteers, I think are doing their absolute best. I think the system is really cool and it's evolving, but it doesn't work yet. So to talk about stats is silly, we should talk about score.

Q. What's the pressure that you're feeling right now?

PETER MALNATI: Well, it's interesting. The pressure I'm feeling is that I love my job. This is what I strived for. I mean, I was probably 14ish years old when I quit playing baseball to focus on my golf game. From the moment I made that decision, the only thing I've ever wanted to do was play golf on the PGA Tour.

So I'm feeling a lot of pressure in that I'm not ready to be done doing that yet. It feels like the game, because there are so many really talented young players, and the PGA Tour is working so hard to ensure that the best players from wherever they are in the world end up playing here, like if you fall off the PGA Tour, it might not be easy to get back on the PGA Tour.

So I feel that. I feel a lot of pressure because I love my job and I want to keep doing it.

I think it's worth noting that like my family's future is secure at least for a little while. Like the PGA Tour has given us an amazing life. So I'm not -- the narrative that gets out there like this is how we feed our families, like true, this is how we feed our families, but I've played well enough and been wise enough for a while, like the pressure is not that my family's going to starve and I'm really thankful for that.

But the pressure is this is what I love to do and I don't think that I've done it to the best of my ability yet in life, I think I have more. Need to be out there with a chance in order to find out, so that's the pressure I'm feeling.

Q. You just mentioned your 14-year-old self. What if you had heard at 14 that you would play 11 straight years on the PGA Tour, what do you think you would have said?

PETER MALNATI: It's pretty wild to think. I distinctly remember this moment. This is more than I need to reveal in this setting.

I distinctly remember when Alicia and I were dating but knew we wanted to spend our lives together, I was saying to her as a mini tour player, if I could just get to the Nationwide Tour, we'll be set. If I can just get to the Nationwide Tour, we'll have what we need. Like we'll be able to go on some trips together, like it'll be amazing.

Then I play a couple years on the PGA Tour. I'm like, oh, my gosh, if I go back to the Korn Ferry Tour we're not going to be able to afford a house, we're not going to have anything. It's so crazy.

To your point, Haley, oh, like if you could have told 15-year-old me that I was going to spend, you know, 12 seasons, 11 consecutively on the PGA Tour, I think I would have told you you're crazy, so pretty cool.

Q. You said yesterday you don't think you could work harder, and you probably can't have a better attitude, so what can you do?

PETER MALNATI: So I still have some technical room to improve with my golf game. Like a lot of what I have, I've got a lot of great instincts, great feel. Apparently I made 209 feet of putts today or something so I must be a really good putter. No, I'm kidding.

But from a technical standpoint, I do, I look -- you know, comparison's the thief of joy, right? But I look at the young guys that are coming out on Tour now and there's a lot of things I think like from a technical standpoint that they do that just enables them to deliver the club with that effortless power, grat compression, all those things.

And I don't think I ever did any of those when I was younger and I'm starting to learn to

swing a little better now, but I feel like if my golf swing was just a little bit more repeatable and more consistent, like I have a lot of the intangible stuff. I've got a lot of experience, a lot of wisdom on the course. I have great touch, great feel, great creativity. If I could just get to where like I'm a little more consistent in delivering my long shots at the target instead of a little bit of dispersion, I think improving technically is the short answer. Improve technically, I can improve technically.