

INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: PETER SENIOR
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PHIL STAMBAUGH: Peter, 2-under par 69 and you're at 10-under 132 after 36 holes and two behind Fred. Just general comments about the round today.

PETER SENIOR: Played pretty solid today, didn't do much wrong. The shots that were errant I made bogey again today so I didn't get away with anything. But had a heap of chances early in the round that I didn't convert, but pretty happy to shoot a couple under on the back nine and now I think I'm in a good position.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Just want to take us through the round if you could, one birdie, one bogey on the front.

PETER SENIOR: The birdie on the 5th, 9-iron to about 15 feet behind the flag. The 8th hole I hit a bad shot, probably the worst iron shot I've hit in the last couple days to the right-hand bunker, came out to about 12 feet and missed that.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Second nine?

PETER SENIOR: No. 12, hit 6-iron in and made a long putt, about 30-footer down the slope, so that sort of kept me going. I started to hit a few really good shots and started to key in with my putting there. I hit a 4-iron up into the 14th hole to about eight feet and made birdie there. That was -- to birdie 12 and 14 for me is pretty good and I've done that the last couple days so that's pretty good. Hit sand iron into 16 to about three feet. Then I had a hard lie with my second shot on the last hole, just a heap of grass behind the ball and into me, so it was like a three-inch cushion. The lie that I had for the chip was even worse, so I didn't want to hit it over the back and have another little delicate one down there, so I thought it was pretty good from where it was.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Where did you hit your second shot there?

PETER SENIOR: Just 20 yards short of the green but left in the rough.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Disappointed not to birdie any of the par 5s?

PETER SENIOR: I had my chances, hit a bad drive up the 9th but got lucky with the lie there. I had good chances on all the par 5s but just didn't convert any of them. You have days like that. Yesterday I converted just about everything I looked at, so it was nice to put a steady round together today.

Q. What about the challenge of Freddy? Obviously he's playing great, 65-65. What about the challenge of seeing him up there?

PETER SENIOR: Well, you know, I don't expect anything less of Freddy, but we enjoy playing together. I think Freddy enjoys it more because he gets me by about 70 yards off the tee, but he's a great guy and we get on pretty well together. That's one thing I've always enjoyed is playing with the really good players. You still learn a lot. Even though we're late in our careers, you still learn things around the course, so I'm really looking forward to playing with him tomorrow.

Q. Another really good round after, as you said yesterday, a few weeks ago you weren't even sure if you were going to play next week. What's the mindset now knowing hey, this is good, I'm playing pretty well? Are you thinking about keeping it going?

PETER SENIOR: Yeah, a few weeks ago I wasn't playing that well. As I said, on the weekend in San Antonio I started to play a little better. Today I probably hit it closer than I did yesterday. I had a lot of opportunity on the front nine and just couldn't convert anything, hit a lot of sort of half decent putts that could have gone in. You know, when you hole so many putts the day before, sometimes it's hard to back it up again. The putter felt pretty good, but 69's a pretty good round after shooting that sort of round. I'm pretty happy with that.

Q. You joke about Freddy has you about 70 yards, but how much pressure does that put on the rest of your game? For example, on 12 you said you hit 6-iron, he hit wedge. How difficult does that make it for you?

PETER SENIOR: It's always going to be difficult on a course like this. There's a lot of long par 4s and the fairways are pretty wide, so guys aren't going to miss too many fairways. The length that Freddy hits it, he's only going to have short irons out of this rough. If I'm hitting 6- 5-iron out of this rough, there's no way unless I get lucky with a lie. But it's been a problem, you know, Corey Pavin and I talk about this a lot. You know, he even said that he was getting outhit by a girl 50 yards last week, so we sort of had a little bit of a giggle about that. But something that we've always done, we put a score on the board, the guys are going to match it. I've never been afraid of guys that hit it way past me. If you put a score on the board, you're going to do pretty well.

Q. Expanding on that, not just here but everywhere on the Champions Tour, how much of an advantage is it for a guy like Freddy or Kenny Perry who consistently hit it out there like that?

PETER SENIOR: Well, the courses aren't that difficult on the Champions Tour. Our major championships are really difficult and probably a couple other courses, but most of the time you can get away with a lot and length is a big thing. These guys are still hitting the par 5s in two on this course, which you've got to hit two really good hits. The weather on the weekend's going to get a little windy and a little colder so the ball may not go as far, so it is an advantage but that's why we have our wedge

games.

Q. Peter, you're still looking for your first win out here, but having beaten the young guys twice in the last couple years, how much confidence has that given you to win against guys half your age or younger?

PETER SENIOR: It gives you the belief that you can still win. Whether it does or it doesn't, it's just roll of the dice. If you play well enough, you're going to do it. Inside me I know I'm good enough to win tournaments and I'll go out with that on the weekend.

PHIL STAMBAUGH: Anything else? Peter, good luck tomorrow. Thank you.

PETER SENIOR: Thanks, Phil. Thanks, guys.