



ROUND 3 INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT: KENNY PERRY

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DAVE SENKO: Well, Kenny, 2-under 68 today and 8-under, finished birdie on 15 and 18. Maybe just take us through your day, get some questions after.

KENNY PERRY: Just a battle out there. Greens are so hard, you really can't control with the wind and altitude and the greens where you cannot fly the ball, you have to play everything 20, 30 feet short, bounce it up. With some of those pin placements, very tricky. I feel like I'm at a U.S. Open. It's very hard to fit the ball near the holes so that's why you see nobody really running away with it. You see all the guys kind of bunching up. You'll see a couple good scores here and there.

You know, I hit the ball fine. Didn't make many putts, but I think the greens have a lot to do with it. All in all I'm tickled to shoot -- I'm just playing steady golf, hitting lots of fairways, lots of greens and trying to make my birdies draw just a little bit of interest out there, make one here and there and be patient.

I bogeyed 2, I bogeyed that little short par 3 and then the par 4 on the back side, which kind of got me off, but then I hit the par 5 15 in two and I birdied 18, so got them back so I was pretty happy with 2-under today.

DAVE SENKO: Has it gotten progressively harder each day?

KENNY PERRY: No, it's been like that from day one. That's why you see the scores aren't very low. Nobody -- Jay played -- I played with him yesterday, he played incredible, 62. I thought he was going to be uncatchable.

But then I think we were playing a southeast wind and it was warmer. Today with the southwest and a little cooler, I don't know, maybe just was a little stiff out there, I don't know. But the golf course played totally different to me from yesterday to today based on wind, so I was hitting totally different shots off the tee, irons into the green. So it was -- that's a tough test out there, it really is.

DAVE SENKO: Birdie, No. 8?

KENNY PERRY: Yeah, I hit a driver and a 5-iron right on the front fringe, almost on in two and hit up there to about two feet, tapped it in.

DAVE SENKO: No. 11, par 3?

KENNY PERRY: I hit a 7-iron and that's one of those kind of shots, I hit it probably

30 feet right of the hole. It one-hopped into the back fringe off the hillside, then rolled out of the fringe down to about two feet. Freddie hit a beautiful shot right in line with the flag and he went 30 feet past. He hit the better shot, but I played the slope and the hill and everything else and got away with it. And then so, yeah, I bogeyed 13 and 14 and birdied 15 and 18.

DAVE SENKO: What happened on 13?

KENNY PERRY: I hit a pitching wedge 125 but it got hung up in the wind. It didn't even get into -- it was in the desert still and I just -- I had to use my putter because I was in a bush and I just putted it out and chipped it up, made about a six-footer for bogey, which kind of saved my round, kept the momentum going. Even though it was a bogey, it was a good escape.

Then I hit a good drive on the next hole and it ended up in the right, it was just about a foot into the rough. It looked like it was going to be in the fairway and I caught a flyer and it went over and I chipped it to about three feet past and I pulled it. I hit a very poor putt there, so that was a bad bogey.

DAVE SENKO: And then 18?

KENNY PERRY: I hit a driver and a 6-iron up in front right there and chipped it up to about six feet past, six, eight feet, made a nice putt coming back.

DAVE SENKO: Questions, guys?

Q. As you said a moment ago, it's a whole different dynamic right now than it was even two hours ago or whatever with a bunch of guys back in it. What are your thoughts on --

KENNY PERRY: I think it will be exciting tomorrow, for one thing. It's anybody's day tomorrow. I mean, you've got probably eight to 10 guys who have a very realistic shot of winning this golf tournament and it's just one hot round. We've got one round left in the season, we're all going to be kind of going for it, and it just seems whoever's going to get the putter rolling tomorrow is going to be the guy that's going to win this golf tournament.

Q. What's it like for you this year after having won it last year? Kind of different dynamic for you, too?

KENNY PERRY: It's been a good defense. I've enjoyed being the Schwab Cup champ, being announced that on every tee box, and it's been very thrilling for me and I put up a good fight. I'm fourth in points, but Bernhard, you've just got to shake that man's hand. I mean, he won five times and I don't know how many second places he's had. I tell everybody I stuffed the prod in him a little too much last year, I was

aggravating him after I nipped him for the Cup and I think he was determined not to let that happen this year. But good for him, he played great.

And Colin's played great and Colin had a great round today. He probably had the low round of the day, it was great, so he's back in the tournament. So you've got all the guys that are in the top four, five, six in points, we're all right there, we all have a shot at winning the tournament.

Q. Did you think the greens were unfair or are you just saying that's the way they were?

KENNY PERRY: Well, I'm -- no, I'm not saying -- it's the same for everybody. I'm saying it's hard to -- nobody can get it close, that's why it's keeping us from making many birdies. I actually should have the advantage with my height and spin on the golf ball, but still the ball is taking such a huge first bounce I mean, Freddie hit a beautiful 6-iron on 18. He hit it 15 feet short of the hole and it almost went in the back bunker back there. I mean, it was just a beautiful golf shot and he didn't get rewarded for it. He made a nice putt, though, for birdie after he chipped his chip. Other than that, it's just tough. You've got to have patience. I feel like I'm at a U.S. Open. It's just not designed -- where like two years ago we had weather, I remember the ball really biting and checking up, you could fire at the flag, you could play the number, where this year you play a club less and expect it to kick on up in there.

Q. Were the pins fair?

KENNY PERRY: Yeah, I think the golf course is great and I hope they leave it. I hope they don't put any water out there on the greens. We've played like this for three days, we need to play like this for four, not dump a bunch of water on the golf course tonight.

Q. Do you think they'll do that, they'll leave it alone?

KENNY PERRY: I have no idea, we'll find out.

Q. Kenny, you've had some good success in this area, I know you won down the road and stuff. Is there something about this area or this type of golf that really just appeals to you?

KENNY PERRY: It's warm, I like warm weather. I like it so much I bought a house at Grayhawk. I actually have a house here so I'm actually sleeping in my own bed each night this week, which has been great. I had a townhouse in Avian there at Grayhawk for six or seven years and I sold it, and now I bought a home in Serenity in Grayhawk. Thoroughly enjoy the house. Most of the people in Kentucky go to Florida when they go, but I went west, I came to Phoenix. I love this area, I love the desert, just to me I like no bugs and it helps my allergies. I just feel better in this area.

Q. (Inaudible)

KENNY PERRY: All over, yeah. I like Whisper Rock, it's pretty cool. But I go to TPC a lot, DC Ranch is right beside me and Grayhawk has two courses right there. Silverleaf's right there. There's so many good courses in this area it's pretty neat.

DAVE SENKO: Thank you.

KENNY PERRY: You've got it.