

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: JESPER PARNEVIK
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JESPER PARNEVIK: I've been playing well. I think I missed two greens yesterday, I missed one today. I liked the golf course from the practice rounds. I pulled back a little bit in my -- I've been hitting driver almost every hole all year long no matter how tight or how much OB, but this time I actually hit about four 3-irons a round, which is probably a good idea because I kept it in play pretty much on every hole.

Q. Is that something you learned from missing a shot here or there?

JESPER PARNEVIK: That's what I learned from watching Colin and Bernhard Langer winning every week. I said at the beginning of the week that this is a typical Langer course. Strategy and patience, which two things I usually don't have. But it's been good. Take advantage of the 9th hole every day with a driver, 5-iron and 4-iron, two birdies there. And it's going to be interesting to see the pins on the weekend. I mean, they can hide these pins. In the practice round we threw some balls at some pins and they rolled off 30 yards off the greens, so they can really hide a pin, they can make it very tough if they want to.

Q. Did you find there's kind of a transition period here to the Champions Tour? I mean, golf is golf, but did you have to make any mental adjustments or anything?

JESPER PARNEVIK: No. I mean, I've been so injured the last seven years that I'm so happy the body feels okay and I can play again actually. It's been a great experience. I mean, this is beyond any expectations I had of the Champions Tour. All the guys are so much fun, every tournament's a lot of the fun.

Q. We talked on the phone a month or so ago and you said that's what you had heard.

JESPER PARNEVIK: Yeah, and I mean, it was even better than that I thought. It's just a great tour for players, for sponsors, and for the crowds. It's an ideal environment I would say for golf. I love it.

Q. What kind of injuries were you dealing with the last couple years?

JESPER PARNEVIK: Oh, everything from fractured L4 to two hip surgeries to cut off my finger, fell on a Segway, broke two ribs. I don't know. Broke my toe on a case of beer.

Q. How did you do that?

JESPER PARNEVIK: Got my thumb stuck in a door on the car. Oh, that was on a boat. I was running down the stairs to -- I was going to get into the marina and I was by myself and the corner was sticking out and I slammed the toe.

Q. At what point in this Champions Tour thing did you decide that you were going to be a little bit maybe less aggressive and maybe not hit driver all the time?

JESPER PARNEVIK: When we started playing these majors and I noticed you couldn't do that. Normal weeks I can take advantage of my length a lot more, but these weeks, this course you can't. I mean, you're going to end up in places in the practice round and pro-am where you just cannot play from. Not playing that much tournaments the last six years, play more money games where you just hit driver as hard as you can on every hole, it's a little bit different, I have to say.