

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
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**PAT PEREZ ( -21)**

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**MODERATOR:** Pat, thanks for joining us, 64 today for the tournament low 54 holes at 21-under par. How pleasing was that round?

**PAT PEREZ:** Yeah, it was good. I putted good, I hit a couple good shots and it worked out nicely today.

**MODERATOR:** You've been talking about the putting's been working all week. What's been the difference, Pat? Just talk a little bit about these greens being similar to Mexico where you won last year.

**PAT PEREZ:** Yeah, before Vegas last year I changed my putting style. Not style, but I moved my eye line so I can see it straighter. I was seeing the line too far to the right and not even realizing it. I got on -- I just worked on it and I got my eye line more left, and I started putting good in Vegas and I putted really good in Mexico and won. But I really like those greens and these greens are the same. I can just see it here. I can see the speed, I know the -- I can see the breaks, I can just see it and I'm very comfortable on it.

**MODERATOR:** Four-shot lead into the last day tomorrow. How comfortable are you being in this position having won twice on the PGA TOUR?

**PAT PEREZ:** Yeah, I'm comfortable enough I know what I need to do, I know what I don't need to do. So it's very simple. It's nicer when you have to be aggressive to stay ahead, so I know I have to go out and get a good start on the first five holes and birdie at least three of them and then I'll go. If not, then I'll have to make up somewhere else. But whatever happens, happens, so I'm not going to worry about it too much.

**Q. You played better on the second nine today.**

**PAT PEREZ:** Yeah.

**Q. Front nine (inaudible.)**

**PAT PEREZ:** I don't know. I don't have those kind of answers, I don't know. I'm happy whenever it comes, I don't care where it is. I hit some good shots, I made some putts. I didn't really -- I don't know, I don't know. Just one of those days.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**PAT PEREZ:** I don't know how you guys do it here, I don't know how you guys live here.

It's too hot, it's way too hot. It's too hot to be out there for six hours, I know that. But yeah, I'm having trouble with that heat, I get kind of nauseous and faint. But it is what it is, can't bitch about it.

**Q. Pat, you won here in 2009. Will that help you prepare for Sunday?**

**PAT PEREZ:** No, my win from 2016 will, though, last year.

**Q. Do you have a number in mind tomorrow? It's probably going to be a shooting contest going into the final round. Can you comment on that?**

**PAT PEREZ:** Yeah, I had a number of 20 today and then 27 by the end of the week.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**PAT PEREZ:** Yeah, because I've seen it the last couple years. These guys are good out here. They go after pins and they make putts. They're really good. You give them a shorter course with some long hitters, they're going to have a lot of good looks.

So there will be no laying up for me tomorrow. I've got to try and come out early and I won't take my foot off the gas tomorrow, that's for sure.

**Q. You made only second bogey of the week on the back nine but you bounced back with a few birdies coming home. How pleasing was that to do that?**

**PAT PEREZ:** Yeah, it was good. I didn't even think about the bogey, that was just a bad hole. 14 was a good birdie because where that pin was. 15's a really good birdie, that par 3. 16 you should birdie, 17 you should birdie. I missed that short one, which was the easiest putt I had all day. And then 18 I should have birdied anyway, but I made it harder than I should have. So it was nice, though. It was nice to get some birdies in and hopefully I can get off to a good start tomorrow.

**Q. Pat, you had a great year last year, very, very strong year, you're carrying it on. Anything to explain as to then and now as far as your game goes overall?**

**PAT PEREZ:** No, nothing really. You know, there was a lot things last year that factored into I think my play. I switched to PXG clubs, which I really love. It's the best clubs I ever hit. That was good. And I actually switched putters to the PXG after I won because I thought it was so much better. I can just see the line with it, it's fantastic. But me and my coach Drew Steckel have worked on it a lot. My caddie, A.T., is the greatest one there is. I've got a great camp around me. Just things have been unbelievable with everything in my life.

My wife's amazing, she's the best supporter I have. She is unbelievable. My whole circle in life is just really good right now and it's carrying over into everything. You know, I guess I'm

a lot different than I was 10 years ago, for sure. I can't really explain it, but I've just -- I've been working hard on it. I've been working hard on a lot of things and it's all kind of come together now.

**MODERATOR:** Pat, thanks very much. All the best tomorrow.

**PAT PEREZ:** Thank you.