



PAT PEREZ (- 24)

Q. Pat, 18 months ago you went through shoulder surgery and that can be somewhat detrimental for a guy near his 40s. How do you put into context what's happened these last 11 months?

PAT PEREZ: Yeah, I really don't know. This was the place where they give me a spot and I was so excited to come back after, you know, being out for so long. He gave me a spot and I was so nervous for last year to see what was going to happen. Obviously played good in Mexico. And I can't really explain it. I was dropped by one company, I've got PXG, which is I think the greatest company in the world. You know, everything is just going unbelievable. My wife is unbelievable, Drew Steckel, my caddie H, everybody is just -- our circle, it's just there. You know, you've been through it. I can't explain it, I can't explain it. It's been just a lot of work and a lot of dedication and it's all come together.

Q. Everybody matures at different levels. You seem to be maturing at 41 --

PAT PEREZ: Late.

Q. Well, let's call it late. At least you're maturing. How much emotional maturity or how much credence do you give to emotional maturity for this win and this run?

PAT PEREZ: Yeah, the guy asked me yesterday. He said, What do you think about -- how are you going to deal with this since you won in 2009? He didn't realize I won in '16. I said, I just won a year ago, I remember what that was like and I'll take that with me tomorrow.

I knew I had to stay on the gas here because the guys are playing so good. I expected someone to shoot 63 or something like that. You know, I just, I'm such a different person than I was 17 years ago, even like five years ago. I'm learning how to play the game and learning how to play my own game and stay within myself and that kind of stuff. Like you said, I'm a late bloomer.

Q. Well, I was going to say with that late blooming at 41, how do you reset your goals now that you've really found in my opinion who the real Pat Perez is?

PAT PEREZ: Yeah, I'm not going to change anything. I'm still not going to work out. I'll still have a bad diet and I'm going to enjoy myself. I've got my group of friends and that kind of stuff. I'm really not going to change anything. I'm going to work hard and I'm just going to -- I'm just taking it a day at a time, I really am. That's all I'm doing. I don't get ahead of myself, I don't look in the past, I'm just kind of doing it.