

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**August 2, 2018**

**PATRICK CANTLAY (-6)**



**Q. Solid start on a golf course you knew was gettable. Assess your round today.**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, the golf course is very gettable, greens were soft and there was basically no wind. But you've got to put your ball in the fairway. This whole golf course plays short when it's firm, but it plays a lot longer when it's soft like this. But if you hit your fairways and get it close, you get some good birdie opportunities.

**Q. Was there any adjustment, because we thought when we got here this week with the early-week rains that it would be a little softer, but there was some chase out there. Did you find yourself kind of looking for different lines today as the golf course matured through it?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** You know, it was still pretty soft. I went out relatively early and it was mostly just -- except for a few holes that go way down, it was mostly just landing and staying pretty close to where it landed, which makes it easier to hit these fairways because when they get firmer, as I'm sure they will over the next few days, the contours of the fairways make it hard to keep it in the fairways. A lot of times they'll roll through the rough.

**Q. You're a popular pick this week, I think this is a golf course that really sets up well to your eye. What is it you like about this place?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Tree-lined, old-school golf courses, greens are back to front, you've got to control your golf ball and leave it below the hole. The greens are fast and I like that as well. Really defined off the tee so you know where to hit it, and you've got to think your way around this place and I enjoy that.

**Q. Here with Patrick Cantlay, who shot a stellar 6 under today. What were you seeing out there on the course? Is it set up fairly easy for you guys today?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** I thought so. Very soft, which lets you control your golf ball coming into the greens, and you've got to leave yourself a bunch of uphill puts here, the greens are very slow. They're so good and true and fast that you can make a bunch of putts.

**Q. Yes, you certainly did, you were first in strokes gained putting. Is that something that's been working for you as of late or just clicked today?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** I switched putters at the British Open, which I had been putting with the same putter forever. So the switch was relatively a big deal for me, but I feel really good on the putting green and rolling it where I'm looking and they're going in.

**Q. What do you expect to see now moving forward out here since scores are pretty low today?**

**PATRICK CANTLAY:** Yeah, I think just sticking to the game plan's important, fairways and greens, below the hole, give yourself as many looks as possible and you can be in a pretty good spot. You can make some good scores out here with how soft it is, but I think it might firm up a little as the week goes on.