



**PATRICK REED**

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**Q. Patrick, where were you when you got the call, who called you and what time was it?**

**PATRICK REED:** It was Andy Levinson called and I was actually in scoring. The rules official came out to me and said, hey, you need to give Andy a call, and he said it's about the Olympics. At that point I kind of knew already what was going on. I didn't know who or what, but I knew being first man up that I was going to have that potential of getting that call and go represent our country.

**Q. What's the testing protocols right now for you?**

**PATRICK REED:** So I tested yesterday at like 5:00, 5:15, and you have to test three times before you can hop on a flight to go over there and it had to be at least 24 hours apart. So I'm going to fly home here in a little bit, test when I get home at 5:30, and then tomorrow test around 6:00 p.m. and catch a flight Tuesday morning.

**Q. And where would that flight be, Dallas to where?**

**PATRICK REED:** It will actually be Houston, I think Houston San Fran, San Fran straight in. It gets in Wednesday afternoon.

**Q. Think you'll have enough time to get a practice round?**

**PATRICK REED:** No, but talked to my coach because he's going to be looping it for me, and my coach, my wife and my team, they kept on reminding me that, hey, you were in the Mondays when you were chasing Mondays, you were 6-6 when you were playing the golf courses blind and you're 0-2 on playing practice rounds. These days with how good yardage books are and with how much we have to kind of figure things out on the fly as it is, I expect to go in there and play well and be able to manage the golf course and hit the golf shots.

**Q. Why would it be worth the hassle to do this?**

**PATRICK REED:** Anytime I can represent my country and go play for my country, I'm going to do it no matter what, no matter where it is, no matter what time zone or how I have to get there or anything. When they gave me the name Captain America, the fans did, it feels like an obligation and a duty of mine to go out and play for our country whenever I can and whenever I get the call. To be able to call myself not just an Olympian but a two-time Olympian is pretty sweet. I look forward to going over there and playing. I know things are going to be a little different this time than the first time we were at Rio where we were able to

go and experience all the other venues and things like that, but to be able to go in and represent our country with a small group of guys and go out there and try to bring home gold is just an honor I can't pass up.

**Q. Your coach's name again?**

**PATRICK REED:** Kevin.

**Q. Were you always going to play today? Any consideration to not finishing up here?**

**PATRICK REED:** No, I was definitely playing no matter what. When I start something, I finish it. Yeah, it wouldn't have mattered if I could have gotten out, even if I could have gotten out last night, it wouldn't have mattered to me. I have an obligation to be here to play, and once I start an event, I'm definitely going to finish the event. I went out there today and I felt like things weren't really where I really felt like they should have been earlier this week and the score didn't represent it today shooting even par, I felt like I improved on a lot of aspects of the game I needed to. Feel like I hit the driver a little better today. I had one bad driver swing, but besides that, I felt like I hit my irons pretty solid. The problem with it is I kept leaving myself right above the hole so I had to putt defensive all day. It's one of these places that I feel like I was able to use and really fine tune some things to get ready for next week.

**Q. Did you hear some of that Captain America stuff out there?**

**PATRICK REED:** Oh, yeah. It's awesome. Just coming back up here to Minnesota is amazing because Hazeltine being right around the corner, you were Captain America in Ryder Cup all week and it's just an awesome feeling to come back and kind of get those juices pumps.

**Q. Are you surprised with how many people knew already this morning that you were going to Tokyo?**

**PATRICK REED:** No, because when I found out that I was going and Bryson tested positive, I knew they were going to announce it last night, later last night. It was something I knew people were going to know about the same time. I tried not to think about it too much as the round was going on because I had to focus on today and try to go out there and post a number.

**Q. Were you excited to come back here and play again, and what are your impressions of the event?**

**PATRICK REED:** I like the event. The people are great. The golf course from the first time I played, even though I played better the first time, I feel like is getting better. It's getting firmer, it's getting faster. Greens are settling in and today with having yesterday with windy, today the greens started to bake out, get a little bounce in them. It's a great golf course. If you're hitting the ball well, you're going to be able to attack this place. It's just one of those

golf courses that you have to play offense, you can't play defense.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**PATRICK REED:** I mean, it's a tough spot, but I felt like at the British I got nothing out of the rounds that I played there. And my coach was there walking all week. He thought and I thought as well as my team that it would be a good idea to play and just kind of get more reps in hitting the ball rather than going and just beating balls on the range and practicing at home. So for me as a competitor, I love to compete, so for me coming here was kind of an easy decision.

**Q. You've done a lot of things in your career. What would it mean to win a medal?**

**PATRICK REED:** It would mean everything. I mean, to be -- it's already awesome to be called an Olympian, but to be called a gold medalist, silver medalist or bronze medalist, it would mean a lot. That's something that we've only had an opportunity to do twice and to go ahead and kind of put a stamp and be able to add that to the trophy case would be amazing.

**Q. How much hope were you holding out that you would get that call?**

**PATRICK REED:** Honestly, it's hard to -- once we got closer to it and once I was first, basically first alternate, and of course you would love to have that call, but at the same time you don't wish that against any of the guys. Those guys were all excited to go play. I feel bad for Bryson, I know he was really looking forward to going, representing the country and going over there and playing in Tokyo. It's an unfortunate situation. The good thing is the team and everything, we're able to get it to where I was able to go and fill the spot and be able to get over there in time and be able to play.

**Q. Was there a disappointment level leading up to the U.S. Open? You were right there. When you didn't make the cut the first time, was there a level of disappointment that I'm not going to get to go this time?**

**PATRICK REED:** It was. I feel like I was playing well enough to hold onto that spot. Just happened to be that the right guys played just a little better at the right time. It was just one of those things. With how deep golf is these days, you've got to keep on just playing really well and having chances to win golf tournaments because if you're not having a chance to win every single week, then guys are going to just keep on passing you and that's what it takes out here now is you have to basically put the pedal down every time you play and go out and make a lot of birdies and very little mistakes.

**Q. When did it get ironed out that you were going to be the first alternate?**

**PATRICK REED:** I knew that weeks, a couple weeks ago.

**Q. Have you wrapped your head around the fact that (no microphone)?**

**PATRICK REED:** Yeah, you know, I know -- I don't think they're allowing any fans and so it's just going to feel back kind of how it was when we were playing at the very beginning with COVID. Good thing is we've played in situations like that, but the biggest difference is I'm just going to have to try to tap into that kind of Monday mentality where I didn't have a practice round, go in there, try to post a low number and stay aggressive. Because it's a short turnaround for me, fly over there, leave Tuesday, get there Wednesday and with having that short turnaround, it's a good thing because I get to get some rest and kind of recover from these last couple weeks. With being able to get that recovery time, I think that's going to do me more good than sitting there grinding and hitting golf balls.

**Q. No problem with jetlag?**

**PATRICK REED:** I'll let you know afterwards.