

PATRICK RODGERS (-12)

Q. Patrick, three solid rounds here, a chance for tomorrow. What's been clicking for you this week here?

PATRICK RODGERS: I'm really proud of my patience. I feel like the golf course suits me pretty well, but it's long and you really have to pick your spots. I think going, chasing here can maybe lead to some tricky situations and I haven't put myself in really any difficult spots through three days. I haven't done anything spectacular, either. I've just kind of taken advantage of the holes that are a little bit gettable. I think another round like that tomorrow and hopefully have a chance with nine holes to go.

Q. How would you describe your season so far? You had a couple sponsor exemptions early and a little bit of a lull.

PATRICK RODGERS: Yeah, getting back, getting my Tour card back from the Korn Ferry Finals, it was a great mental exercise. It gave me definitely some added perspective and appreciation for being a PGA Tour player and I think that really showed in the fall. I played with a lot of freedom, a lot of gratitude for being a PGA TOUR player. I didn't really anticipate ever being in that position, but I was proud of the way that I managed it.

And yeah, it hasn't been the start that I've wanted here in 2022, but like we all say, I don't feel that far off. I don't feel like there's any gaping holes in my game and really the exercise is to stay as patient and have a full bucket of confidence each and every week. So I'm trying to do my best to carry myself that way and fortunately have a great opportunity here tomorrow.

Q. Your first PGA Tour-sanctioned win came in a Spanish-speaking country. What do you remember from that week?

PATRICK RODGERS: Oh, yeah, the win in Colombia, in Bogota was really special. Something about maybe being out of the country or being in a spot that's slightly unfamiliar just helps me focus on the task at hand. I'm all business this week, it's all about golf and playing the best way that I can. Obviously we're in a spectacular destination just like Bogota was, so it's easy to enjoy myself while I'm here.

Q. Memorial and the Jack Nicklaus award, what do you remember about winning that in 2014 and what that meant?

PATRICK RODGERS: Yeah, still one of the career highlights for me is winning the Jack Nicklaus Award. That's where I met him for the first time. It's turned into a really spectacular

relationship. I see him quite often down at home in Jupiter and fortunate to play at the Bear's Club. It's just such an honor to have a trophy with his name on it and all the great players who have won that award, and it was really an amazing sort of finish to an amazingly fun college career. It gave me a lot of confidence that I was ready to turn pro, that's for sure.

Q. Is there a piece of advice from Mr. Nicklaus that stands out that he's given you along the way?

PATRICK RODGERS: Honestly, there's some advice that I'm going to try to use tomorrow. It was really surprising to hear him say it, but he said he never tried to win a golf tournament. Obviously he got his fair share, he just tried to do his part and manage what was under his control and trust it would fall his way in the end, so I definitely need to listen to that advice as I take on this challenge tomorrow.