

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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PATRICK CANTLAY (-7)

Q. So you're leading the charge of the L.A. guys coming down here and ripping up Torrey Pines.

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I mean, I grew up in Los Alamitos, so not too far up the road, about an hour and a half or so. It's always nice to be back in southern California.

Q. How have you generally played here at Torrey Pines?

PATRICK CANTLAY: It's been a little while since I've played here in the Farmers. I played the U.S. Open was the last time I played around year and I played so-so at the U.S. Open. Obviously different conditions this week, it will be a lot more wet this week. The scores should be quite a bit lower. But you play the golf course from the fairway and you can have a bunch of chances around here.

Q. What were the highlights of your round today?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I thought I played the par 5s pretty well. I three-putted one par 5, which was kind of a bummer, but I hit the ball very solid, played from the fairway a lot which really gave myself a lot of opportunities to make birdie today.

Q. I know you guys adjust every week according to course conditions and what have you, but is it particularly drastic going from La Quinta to here?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I don't think so. I grew up in southern California so I'm kind of used to the difference. The golf courses are definitely different and scoring this week will be, especially with the rough how it is, it will be a lot more difficult than it was last week.

Growing up and being comfortable around both places, you know, happy to be here and be on some poa annua grass.

Q. How would you characterize the rough this week compared to when you were here for the Open?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Good question. When the rough is as wet as it is it makes it more difficult, it's harder to get the golf ball to go because the water gets in the way. But the rough is classically long here. I don't think I've played this golf course ever really when the rough's short. There's definitely a penalty for missing the fairway and, like I said, today I played a lot from the fairway so hope to keep that up.



Q. Patrick, 7-under 65 to finish with the lead today. What were your general thoughts on the round?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I thought I played well, off to a nice start. Obviously the North Course is a little more scorable, so glad to get that done and now three more on the South. Off to a good start and happy with it.

Q. How did all the rain that the golf course has taken this week affect your strategy on the golf course today?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I think it allows you to take on a few more of the hole locations just because the ball's going to hit and stop. I think overall the scores will be lower this week because of how wet it is.

Q. And last thing, you mentioned last time you played in this event was in 2019. What led you this year to put it back on your schedule?

PATRICK CANTLAY: The schedule just changed a little bit, they changed the order of some of the tournaments and it worked out good.

Q. Hawaii and then California swing, how important is it for you in your game to find a rhythm early in the season?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, for sure. I mean, it's nice starting the year in Maui, no better place, and then to come back here to California for a nice stretch, a number of tournaments on golf courses that I'm comfortable with, it's always nice to start off the year here.

