## ROUND 4 QUOTES January 27, 2024

## **STEPHAN JAEGER (-11)**



Q. Stephan, you said coming into the weekend or Friday, Saturday that you're excited to be in this spot, put yourself here. Not the way you wanted it to end, but how do you kind of assess how you managed all of that?

**STEPHAN JAEGER:** It was awesome, it was great. Listen, I didn't have my best stuff golf game wise. I battled, you know. That was the story of my weekend here. But I didn't have enough to really get going. I felt like if I putted decent, I'd have had a better chance of winning.

But it is poa annua, it's not my favorite surface in the world, so it makes me really happy the way I putted. I haven't looked at my stats, I'm not sure how good or bad they are, but for me personally, I felt like I gave myself a lot of chances and felt awesome out there, so that's the main thing.

Q. Just in terms of putting yourself in that spot, we've talked about your made-cut streak and trying to kind of elevate even further. Do you take this week as a positive for that?

**STEPHAN JAEGER:** Absolutely, absolutely. In golf you quickly learn that it's not win or lose; sometimes you lose and you have a great week. I've learned a lot about myself this weekend that I'm going to be able to take forward into Pebble and all these tournaments that I like playing. The Florida Swing, I love that place. So for me, it's a really good kind of step forward and I'm happy that we've done that.

Q. Stephan, that birdie on the last earned you a spot in Pebble this coming week. Were you aware of the stakes going into that hole?

**STEPHAN JAEGER:** I was kind of already in Pebble before that. Pebble fills their field for 80 amateurs, so they fill the field with the remaining guys on the list.

Wasn't on my mind. I kind of mentioned to you guys I don't really play the whole, you know, I hope I get in elevated events. I just want to play as good as I can every single week and it will take care of itself. The flight's already booked, the Airbnb's already been booked, it's been booked for months. I'm excited to go to Pebble. My caddie, HD, has got some good record there, so I'm going to lean on him pretty hard this week, so I'm excited to go.

Q. Just today coming down the stretch starting the day with the lead, what did you learn about yourself today playing with all that pressure in front of this crowd?



**STEPHAN JAEGER:** Yeah, I felt like I had a chance to win even though I didn't feel like I played that great on the weekend. I felt like I lost a few shots putting, missed some short ones that sometimes you've got to make to be able to win.

You know, it's going to give me huge confidence going forward that you don't have to be perfect to be able to win. Yeah, that's huge for me.

Q. A lot of golf fans saw you for the first time today. What do you hope that your performance today showed them about Stephan Jaeger?

**STEPHAN JAEGER:** Yeah, I don't give up. I just try to do my best on every shot even though sometimes it might not work out, it might not look at good as it should, but I try my hardest and that's why I'm really happy about this week.

