

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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PATRICK CANTLAY (-13)



Q. Talk about the two days, 6 under on the par 5s, 5 under on the par 4s and a couple under on the par 3s. You're kind of an equal opportunity golfer. Obviously everything's working.

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, putting great and leaving the golf ball in the right spot, which is really key around here. It's a golf course I'm really comfortable on and it's in the best shape I've ever seen it. Yeah, it's been great to play this week.

Q. Everybody's talking about the greens, you're No. 1 strokes gained putting, you gained 6.876 shots on the field. Pat, that's incredible.

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah. Like I said, it's the best putting surfaces I've ever seen around this place. I like when the greens are really fast, they're as fast as I've ever seen them and I've made a bunch.

Q. You're a local guy and you're getting that ovation on every hole. That's got to pump you up, that's got to be an advantage, right?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, it feels like a home game. Like I said, it's a golf course I played so many times, I feel comfortable. And it's really nice to have a bunch of guys up from Virginia Country Club where I grew up just down the road. Being from southern California, like I said, it feels like a home game.

Q. You've been doing this for a while, you know there's a long way to go.

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, we're half done. Stay in the moment and trust the process that I have. I have a good game plan for this golf course and I'll just stick to it.

Q. You know the history of Ben Hogan, Hogan's Alley. Of course he was known as the Ice Man, and they're calling you now Matty Ice, which is kind of a cool nickname. Do you like that? Do you like the nickname?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, not Matty Ice but Patty Ice.

Q. I was thinking the football player?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I think he coined it first. Yeah, I like it. I'm pretty low key and mellow out there, that's just who I am, how I am. It's great to have the (inaudible).



Q. Pat, how has it been out there in sort of a smaller field this week? Have you noticed any difference in the fact there's only 70 guys out there?

PATRICK CANTLAY: The only thing I noticed is I didn't go off the 10th hole this week. I was planning on walking to the 10th tee this morning and Joe told me we were off 1, so that caught me a little by surprise this morning.

Q. I was talking to a few guys who said the 10th hole, they were expecting a little bit of a backup and they didn't see it there. Did you notice that, too?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, the green is a little less extreme than it has been in past years, I think they did a good job with the restoration, flattening out but still leaving the character of that green the same. It might be speeding up play just a little bit through the 10th.

Q. Do you like leading or chasing?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Oh, I'll take leading, yeah, by as many as I can get.

Q. Patrick, how did you feel about your putting coming into the week? As good as it's been, what was the -- like how good were you feeling about it when you were coming in?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, these are greens I feel really comfortable on. I played the golf course a ton of times and they're in great shape, probably the best I've ever seen them. If you get them online and with the right speed, they're going to go in.

Q. But your feel and mechanics and all that in advance of this, how was it?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, sometimes you just go through spells where you make some more a certain week than others. I have had weeks where I've gotten really hot with the putter, so hopefully this is one of those weeks.

Q. How much of it is attitude on greens like these? I know they're as good as they get, but --

PATRICK CANTLAY: Well, you're probably asking the wrong guy. When you've made as many putts as I have the last couple days, it's easy to have a good attitude on the greens.

Q. What club did you hit on 15 and --

PATRICK CANTLAY: 4-iron.

Q. Do you get impressed with yourself very much and was there anything that impressed you today about the way you played outside of your putting?



PATRICK CANTLAY: I would say the two shots I hit from the rough on 12 and 15 were pretty special. They were both cut 4-irons and they just kind of came out of the rough exactly as planned and rolled out, released exactly as planned. That doesn't always happen coming out of the rough, but these were two great shots I played today.

Q. And ballpark, how much did you play here while in college?

PATRICK CANTLAY: We played here quite a bit. My sophomore year the NCAA Championships were here and being just four or five miles down the road we played quite a bit.

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PATRICK CANTLAY: A number? In college we probably played it 20 times, 25 times.

