

TAYLOR PENDRITH (-11)

Q. Taylor, after a second round 61, best round in your career on the PGA TOUR, I asked you, you suffered through the worst of the conditions yesterday morning, could you imagine playing in this?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: It was two different days, for sure. You know, yesterday was some of the worst weather I've ever played in and just almost like surviving out there. Didn't really matter how you hit it, you just have to hit shots. Today was a completely different story and could actually enjoy the views of Bermuda, so it was great.

Q. Five consecutive birdies to start your second nine. What was the highlight of those five birdies to you?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Honestly, I think I made a lot of nice putts today and I drove it really well. I put myself in some good positions on the greens to make some birdies and the putter was hot. I had a lot of one-putts today, which is always good. But to make birdie on 1, I hit the flagstick on my approach and it was lucky to just sit down to three feet, so that kind of got me going.

Q. A course record here. Just walk me through how special that round was.

TAYLOR PENDRITH: It was great. Felt a lot easier out there than yesterday obviously, so it was nice to make some birdies. Got off to a great start and then made the turn. Made eagle on 17 and had a good look on 18. And I got five in a row I guess on the front nine, gave me some momentum and the putter was hot, saw some putts go in. Seemed like everything had a chance to go in.

Q. We were saying on the air, same point, same tee, don't talk to the pitcher in the middle of a no-hitter. It kind of felt like that on the front nine. How calm and collected were you because it was just en fuego there.

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Yeah, I was very calm all day. Obviously it's Friday, so I'm just trying to put myself in a good position to make as many birdies as possible. It's been a dream start. I didn't hit one shot on the golf course Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, so I didn't see any of the holes, so to be in this position is great. Probably won't do that more often, but it's pretty surprising.

Q. How do you approach it then? You don't really see a course, you're kind of out of your routine. Does it take you back to something or does it just allow you to kind of freewheel it?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Honestly, I hadn't played much golf in the past two weeks. Got married two weeks ago and went away for a few days, so I didn't know how my game was going to be leading up to this.

But yeah, yesterday was just surviving and hitting shots. Didn't really matter how good you were hitting it leading up to yesterday, just crazy golf shots and make pars and I was able to kind of (inaudible,) which felt like an amazing round, probably better than today's round, but just a tale of two different days.

Q. Putter was red hot. What are you finding in these greens as you continue to learn them?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Yeah, I feel like the uphill into-the-grain putts break a little bit more, and I think me and my caddie did a good job of kind of adjusting to this. Obviously today was much easier on the greens without having to play the wind. Saw a couple go in early and gave me some confidence.

Q. Was there a time when you started to think about the magic number, 59, out there?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Obviously, no, not really. It was nice to make five in a row on the front. I knew there was a couple scorable holes coming in, but I was trying to make as many birdies as possible and see what happens. I had a couple good looks that didn't go in, the one on the last hole was a nice look, but obviously super pleased with the round.

Q. What was the biggest difference from Thursday to Friday for you other than the weather?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Didn't have to play the wind on your putts probably. It was crazy Thursday, probably the hardest conditions I've ever played in. Today was beautiful. Our back nine there was hardly a breath of wind, which was awesome. So very scorable out there and was able to get some putts go in on the front nine and keep it going.

Q. When you got on that roll of five straight birdies, what's your mentality when you start seeing that? See how many you can make?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I knew I was putting good. I hit a close one on 1 and then I think every other putt after that was, you know, 10-plus footers and a couple 20-footers, which was nice to see go in. I feel like I've been putting pretty well leading up to this event and just haven't really been making many, so to see some longer ones go in gave me a lot of confidence.

Q. I don't want this to turn into an advertisement, but seeing as how you're a rookie, you played in (inaudible) twice last year, what do you think has been your most nervous statistical wise?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I would say probably first tee shot at Winged Foot, for sure, at the U.S. Open. Don't really know why, there wasn't any spectators there, but it was a hole I was uncomfortable with. And I didn't actually look at the stats, but my heart rate was going, for sure.

Q. Do you feel like a rookie?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I feel like an old rookie, but yeah, I'm 30 years old and played on the Korn Ferry a few years and it's great to be out here. I'd rather be a 30-year-old rookie than not a rookie at all, so I'm very happy.

Q. How much of a back and forth (inaudible) also teammates?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Yeah, tons. We're all super close. I was living at Corey's house. He was nice enough to let me stay there for the past few years, so we played a lot of golf when we're home, and Mac as well. I had two years with Mac at Kent State and four with Corey, so they're obviously both PGA TOUR winners, so it's really cool to see their success and I'm thrilled to be out here and get to compete with them.

Q. I know you got married a couple weeks ago during CJ CUP, but there was a story I think Corey may have told here a few weeks back at Sanderson about when you told Corey you were moving out of his house. Can you tell us the story to that?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I'm not sure what story you're looking for, but we actually just bought a house in the same neighborhood as Corey and Malory, but they bought a new house, so they're moving. But very close, 10 minutes away. My wife grew up with Corey's wife, they're from the same town, so we're all very close. They've been amazing to me and her for the last few years, so it's been great.

Q. You've eaten 17 both days. What are the details on that?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: First day I hit -- actually both days I hit driver. Yesterday was straight downwind and blowing a lot. I hit driver and a sand wedge to a foot. I figured I'm going to hit driver; if I pull it in the water, I'm going to drop it at 120 yards and hit a wedge on the green and can still make birdie that way. But it sets up good for me with the wind slightly off the right.

Hit driver again today and hit pitching wedge to eight feet, was in the right rough. And yeah, I don't know, I thought about hitting iron there, but it's pretty wide where my drive lands, so like I said, if I do tug it and it goes in the water, I've got a wedge for my third anyways.

Q. You shot 61 today, but in a way was shooting 70 yesterday morning every bit as --

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Absolutely. Yesterday was so difficult in the morning. Probably took

my rain jacket off and on 15 times throughout the day. It was just those random showers we were getting, the wind would pick up.

Yeah, yesterday's round was great and I was kind of struggling coming in. Was able to make eagle on 17 and pulled it together, made a nice up-and-down on 18 for par and to shoot 1 under was great. Today was obviously better.

Q. Is this a pseudo-honeymoon for you and Meg or do you have something else planned, or is that secret, you don't want to tell anyone?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: We went away for a few days up north in Ontario just to get away, but I told her we're going to Bermuda and Mexico for the next two weeks, so pretty good vacation spots. The weather is finally cooperating so we can enjoy it a little bit better.

Q. Corey was in your wedding as well?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: He was best man. It was awesome. I was his best man and he's my best man. We've been traveling together, rooming together. I was still rooming with him up until a few months ago, so he's done so much for me. And it's really cool to follow his career the past few years and, like I said, I'm happy to be out here with him, but for him to be there was awesome.

Q. What do you draw on past experiences that will help you going into the weekend here?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Obviously it's a new position for me, but I've had some close calls on the Korn Ferry Tour the past two years and I think that's really prepared me. I came in second a few times out there. I think you've just got to stay patient. Who knows what's going to happen with this weather. If it gets super windy, it will be impossible again for the next two days, but I think tomorrow's supposed to be good. So yeah, I'm in a good position and hopefully keep plugging away.