
Q. Peter, other than the -- actually, let's start on 16 with the ruling that you had there. Just talk us through -- just talk us through everything that went on back there.

PETER MALNATI: Golf Channel's tower was in my way!

I was back there and the ball was sitting beautifully in the hazard, but because it was in the hazard, I was -- I would be granted relief from the tower, but I had to have my nearest point of relief that kept me in the hazard and there was no way I was going to recreate the lie that I had anywhere around me. If I tried to take free relief in the hazard, I think I would have ended up in a position where I couldn't play it.

So I was thinking about playing it from underneath the wires, but there was very little room for anything to go right there. Made the decision to take the penalty drop and then was rewarded with the putt going in to save the bogey, so it was nice.

Q. Are those decisions tough to make? You guys always feel like you can pull off the shot.

PETER MALNATI: It's so tough stuff, especially like there's just something like -- I played really solidly all day and there's just something about a bogey-free round that just feels so good. And so I'm sitting there, I'm thinking I can get this ball up and down, I know I can get this ball up and down, but I also could have made a 7 or an 8. Yeah, it was hard to make that decision, but it was the right one.

Q. Just overall how would you assess your round?

PETER MALNATI: You know, for 14 and a half holes I felt like I was playing golf the way I envision it. I really played beautifully. On the 15th green I missed a putt that I'd like to make, but that happens. Then obviously what happened on 16 wasn't good and then I hit two terrible wedge shots on the last two holes, which kind of leaves a sour taste in my mouth, but thrilled with how I played overall.

Q. You're an experienced player. There's not a lot of experience on top of the leaderboard. Can you pull from that at all given the conditions tomorrow with the rain?

PETER MALNATI: I'm an experienced player and I've made a lot of starts; I don't know that I've had tons of success. But I've been out here a long time and I do feel like I'm a place in life now where I do have really good balance and a good sense of perspective. You never

know what's going to happen tomorrow, weather could be a big issue, just no telling, but I think I will be able to come out and stay present and just play some good golf.

Q. I think you played ZOZO last week, correct?

PETER MALNATI: I did, yeah.

Q. How do you feel?

PETER MALNATI: I feel fine. You get out there on the course and everything kind of sort of normalizes it. I've been getting up earlier in the mornings than I want to and that's just my body waking me up being on a little bit of a different schedule, but it has gotten better and better each day.

You know, that was a fun experience for me. It's not something I've really gotten a chance to do, play a lot internationally. So to do that is something that I really thought was a great opportunity, and to follow it up by coming here was just a good way to challenge myself, but I feel good, I really do.