

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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TAYLOR PENDRITH (-17)



Q. Taylor, hard to follow up a low day with another low one. When things got going for you again today, that was a really, really solid round of golf.

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Yeah, thanks. For whatever reason, it is hard to follow up a low one with another low one, but I've been hitting it really nicely and just had to stay patient today. I hit some really nice shots early and didn't make a birdie until I think 8. Had a good look on 1, good look on 2 and just had to be really patient and knew I was going to get on a run at some point during the round. Was able to get four in a row and kind of really jump start the round.

Q. It was a scorable day, it was a scorable front nine. How do you practice patience out there when you're 1 over through six knowing that you're going to have to find something on this moving day?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I mean, I just know that I'm hitting it really well, driving it well and my putter's been hot. And they seem to come in bunches, so the two guys I was playing with were lighting it up through six and felt like I was getting lapped.

But just me and my caddie just stuck to our process and said we're going to get on a run at some point. Hit a really nice shot on 8, or sorry, 7, made birdie on 7 and hit a really nice shot on 8 and just kind of kept going from there. It was a tough I guess mental day to kind of stick with it and just kind of know that I should make some birdies at some point.

Q. Three under on the par 3s, that's pretty tasty right there. What's more impressive to you, the tee shot on 13 or the putt you rolled in on 16?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I think the putt on 16. Yeah, that was a bonus. I was just trying to put good speed on it and it was perfect speed. Just kind of fell right right at the end and it was great to see that go in.

A lot of Canadian support. They were singing the national anthem, which was really cool. They seem to be everywhere you go, there's Canadians everywhere, so that was really cool to see. Made me feel at home.

Q. No time to think about it, we're right back at it tomorrow morning. Could be gnarly again. How much does having played in the worst of it on Thursday compare to really everybody else on the top of the board help you get right back at it tomorrow knowing it just could be nasty again?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Yeah, I haven't looked at the forecast recently, but it looked like it's going to get nasty. It's nice to have a couple-shot lead, but anything can happen. It's going to be crazy out there, so just try to make some pars I think will be good tomorrow and hit some solid shots and try not to fall over.

Q. The next day's round and you start fresh tomorrow morning?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: It's definitely nice to get a couple late in the round. And I had a really nice look on 18, but that putt kind of fooled me. Yeah, it was nice to pick up a couple coming in late. No. 16's a really difficult hole and to see that 40-plus footer go in was a little bit of a bonus.

Q. I don't know if you consider yourself a grinder, but how comfortable are you heading into the final round with the lead?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: There's a lot of familiar names up on the top of the leaderboard that I played with the last two years on the Korn Ferry Tour, so, I mean, there will be some nerves for everybody in the top-10 I think going into tomorrow. Just going to try to focus on what I can control and just go play golf and try to battle the wind.

Q. Curious about the putt on 16 and then your drive on 17. Was it a little -- did you think it had a chance to get in the water?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Yeah, I've hit driver there every day and hit two really good ones the first two days, and today the wind was kind of in off the right so it was a perfect driver for me, but I kind of pulled it a little bit and I was worried that it was going to be wet, but stayed up and hit 6-iron to 15 feet.

Q. What about the putt on 16?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: The putt on 16, that was great. We had a little bit of a wait on the tee and I was just trying to get anywhere on the green and make a 3 and get out of there. To see that fall in at the last second was a big bonus.

Q. Did you take a honeymoon?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: We went up north to Muskoka in Ontario for a few days just to get away, and then we came here.

Q. I didn't know if there was (inaudible)?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: Unofficial.

Q. Do you think you'll text with Corey tonight maybe, or do you think he'll text you maybe?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I'm not sure. We talk a lot, so I'm sure I'll talk to him tonight a little bit.

Q. Will you pick his brain a little bit if you guys do?

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I might. Like I said, I've never been in this position before, so it's new to me. Just going to try to enjoy the day and maybe see what he's got to say.