
Q. You talked about this earlier in the week. What is it about these conditions that bring out the best in you?

PATRICK REED: Just allows you to be creative because might as well just throw the yardage books away today. It's 105 yards and it's playing (inaudible). So I think that's the biggest thing is I was able to just get more in a play mode and see golf shot, hit golf shot rather than sit there and try to get technical and find a number.

Q. You also talked about being a little aggravated with your driving early in the week. Playing in conditions like this, do you sort of get away from what would maybe aggravate you in that situation and frees you up?

PATRICK REED: Yeah, for sure. You know, the first two days I was using my driver and it just wasn't -- my misses were magnified. I was hitting in bad spots, we had a lot of penalty shots because of the tee shots. I made a driver switch on Saturday and really Saturday the driver was fine except for one tee shot and today the driver was on point. So it's one of those that coming out and playing like I did today definitely gives me confidence going on, but today might not be done, who knows.

Q. I know you're going to hang around and wait to see how this plays out, but regardless, how much confidence does this give you going into the rest of the fall?

PATRICK REED: I think it gives me a lot of confidence. Ever since I got back from being sick, it just seemed like the offense wasn't quite there. I wasn't making enough birdies and when that happens, one loose swing here or there, it turns around, try to salvage a mediocre round. This week I definitely produced enough offense, but I need to take away some of the careless errors.

Q. You embraced the conditions today when you saw the forecast because you're a tough competitor and you feel it gave you a chance?

PATRICK REED: I felt like it needed to be hard today for me to have a chance at this golf tournament. If it was another benign day kind of like it was the past two days, I would have had to go shoot 11, 12 under par and then hope. So with it playing hard today, I knew if I went out there and I kind of got on a roll, and there's birdies to be had out there. You kind of get on a roll on this golf course and kind of eliminate the mistakes and make some birdies, you never know. I felt like I played a really solid round, a really great round today and I did what I had to do today and now it's kind of sit, wait and see.

Q. How much did experience help you with the finish, the up-and-down for par on 16, birdie-birdie finish?

PATRICK REED: Yeah, you know, I've had a lot of practice from the right on 16, I've been there all week. It definitely was huge to get it up and down there and when I did that, the first thing I could think of is I've hit driver every day on 17 and made a mess of the hole. Even though I holed out one for eagle, it still was a penalty shot because of the driver. I looked at Coach and I was like, hey, driver will probably stay short of the left water, but I was like, I'm not even thinking about it, I was like give me the hybrid. He's like, we can make birdie the old fashioned way.

I think that's just the biggest thing is I took every shot on. I wasn't sitting there thinking ahead or thinking behind, I was always thinking about that one shot and it seemed to work. I went out and played a really solid round today and gave myself a chance.

Q. I was going to ask how you're feeling. It looks like you're over the health issues judged by this week.

PATRICK REED: Yeah, I'm feeling well. I felt great when I was in Las Vegas. I felt like my energy level was fine, I felt like my strength was back. I think the biggest thing for me was just get reps, play more and go out and shoot a score. I'm doing well on practices, doing well at home and stuff like that, but I needed to generate some offense. Coming here and really producing a lot of offense, but now it's just kind of have to take care of the other stuff because the other stuff kind of killed me this week. But the good thing is I did what I had to do today to give myself an opportunity to win the golf tournament.

Q. And you'll be an interested observer here in the final three holes, right?

PATRICK REED: Oh, for sure.

Q. What's your mentality when you started the day knowing what you had to do to try to climb the leaderboard?

PATRICK REED: I think the biggest thing was put the ball in the fairway and give yourself opportunities on the greens. You knew with them pushing tee times up and then just looking at the forecast, you knew it was going to rain at some point. Then at the same time you knew the wind was going to blow because it was like 22 to 25 all day. So it's not like if you tee off in the morning there wasn't going to be any wind. It was going to be blowing all day, you're going to have to deal with some rain.

So I knew with how tough it was going to be that you had to go out, you had to shoot a number and give yourself opportunities. I think that's the biggest thing is I -- not only did I give myself opportunities, but no careless errors, no drops today. I had eight penalty shots throughout the week and the big goal coming in today was no penalty shots, no doubles and to give yourself opportunities, looks for birdie. I felt like I did that really well today and I

managed the conditions. The putter got going for me.

Q. The conditions, days like this kind of fit in your style of play. Is that kind of how you feel, too?

PATRICK REED: Oh, for sure. When it gets tough or when it gets hard, I feel like it allows me to get away from kind of driving range golf swings and stuff like that. It allows me to get really creative, start seeing golf shots and playing golf rather than sit there and try to produce a golf swing.

Q. Where were you when it really, really got crazy?

PATRICK REED: I was on 12, 13, 14, that was my stretch. Right when they blew the horn, I just got done finishing 12 and I was going up to 13, the par 3. It was funny because right when they blew that horn, I looked at my group and we were all talking, so I hit a chip lob wedge into 12, a chip 57 and then about an 80 percent 57, and today I hit 5-iron and didn't even come close to getting to pin high. Yeah, 5-iron. Actually hit a perfect drive, too. So you sit there, you're like, man, it's playing tough. So we actually started walking in because they told us to go in and then they said hold the position. So all of us walked back, got to the tee and I went birdie-birdie. Yeah, 4-iron on 13 then made a long putt on 14.

Q. Did you feel like --

PATRICK REED: Thirteen was the 4-iron.

Q. Did you feel like when you started the day that 6 under was in the cards?

PATRICK REED: I definitely thought somebody was going to go out and shoot a low one. This golf course, if you're hitting the ball well and you just kind of get in that groove of hitting some really good golf shots out there, there's a lot of wedges. You can be very aggressive, you have a lot of wedges in your hand and you can attack this place.

Honestly, I felt like I made birdies on some of the holes that I was not even expecting to. I mean, 13, we're roasting 4-iron into that green and not getting even close to pin high. You're not thinking about making birdie there, you're hoping to hit the green, trying to get out of there with par and move on. You get to 14 and same thing; I hit driver, 7-iron when all week I've been hitting hybrid, gap wedge. Those are two birdies that you're just not really expecting. You would love to roll them in, but at the same time you're sitting there thinking, all right, if I make a par, you're doing well. It definitely played tougher than I thought it was going to play today, but it was a golf course that you can still attack if you're hitting the ball really well.

Q. What does a round like this do for your confidence moving forward here in the fall?

PATRICK REED: I think this tournament in general, I've been having issues of really after -- once I got back after being sick is producing offense. I was hitting the ball really well and making some putts, but just kind of burning edges on a 50/50 putt here that can get a round going, or get an up-and-down or don't quite get an up-and-down when I should. It's stuff like that that has like been a little soft because I had so much time off on the actual playing side.

So coming out and producing a lot of offense this week, it definitely gives me the confidence that, hey, we're back playing and now we're kind of in play mode rather than so much technique and work mode.