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Xander Schauffele

Patrick Cantlay

Cameron Young

Max Homa

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LAURA VESCOVI: We'd like to welcome and congratulate, Xander Schauffele, Patrick Cantlay, Cameron Young and Max Homa. We're going open it up for questions.

Q. The pressure on 18, how did that compare to the pressure of last week?

MAX HOMA: Different. A lot more people. Any time I think you have a partner, it changes kind of the nerves a little bit. But in a weird way, it almost takes it off because Tony's so good, I feel like I can kind of put it wherever and he'll figure it out.

But it's just, I just feel my adrenaline's way higher so I have to manage that a bit better. Yeah, it was a pretty awesome scene. And, you know, Tony told me on 16, it makes us feel alive, and that's how I felt on that tee for sure.

Q. Max, can you walk us through the shot on 15 that bounced off the rocks and then the putt as well, sort of the emotions of how the match seemed to flip there?

MAX HOMA: Yeah. Awkward spot, that right bunker. I tried to hit a low cut, and it came out straight. I don't know what it hit, but I appreciate it.

I can't explain how hard Tony's shot was. He had a poor lie, and there was very little real estate for him to land it where it would stay on the green even. He hit an unreal shot. I was prepared to chip or maybe hit a bunker shot next. He somehow gave me ten feet, and I fortunately made it.

That was a huge reversal. That tie felt like a win, walking to the next tee. That was a huge boost for us at that point.

Q. For Cam, just tell us your feelings on the 1st tee

shot. You hit a bomb there, and then throughout the day, was it everything that it felt like, everything you expected?

CAMERON YOUNG: Yeah. I think it did feel very much how I expected it. I was definitely a little bit nervous on the 1st tee, which I don't typically feel that nervous.

But, I mean, kind of something Max said as well. Having Collin as a partner definitely takes some pressure off me because I feel like especially if I can just get it in the fairway, I'm going to have an eight or ten footer for birdie.

But, yeah, I mean, it was everything I could have asked for and really a ton of fun to be out there with these guys and kind of watch the other matches go.

And, you know, to win my first one was really cool.

Q. Cameron, on the putt on 17, you took a pretty aggressive run at that. It would have been easy, I think, to lag it up. Wanted to know about that. Then after for Patrick and Xander, on the 10th hole, it seemed like a tipping point where if Adam had made his putt, it would have been 2 up and everything to play for. Instead, he didn't and the match is over quickly after that. I wanted to ask your thoughts on that specific moment.

CAMERON YOUNG: The putt on 17, I definitely hit a little bit too hard. It is a really fast one, and it's obvious that it's really fast. But yeah, the greens are so, so quick. And there's so much slope that it's very easy, I think, to hit something hard enough to go four, five, or six feet by.

It doesn't necessarily really have to be a bad putt. But fortunately didn't do that.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It was a big -- we were comfortably up. We were waiting for them to make a push. And that was -- match play, you take what you can get and try to make sure you score one less than the opponent. That's what we did.

We tied there, which felt fortunate. Then we decided it's



time to start sort of putting pressure on them.

Q. Did you guys ask to go out first? What was it like to be the first group out, setting the tone?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: We did not. We trust our captains. We knew we were going to go together so doesn't really matter where they throw us. We were just looking forward to getting a point.

So when we went out first, we -- Pat sent a text out last night to J.T. and Jordan, being the lead two matches, saying let's try to set a tone. That's what Pat and I talked about yesterday, and that's what we tried to do today.

Q. How much of it is a motivation to keep your record in foursomes going? How cognizant are you of that record?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'll just keep talking for us. Pat's ready for some dinner and some R and R.

PATRICK CANTLAY: I should do all my press conferences like this.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, we're very motivated. We enjoy playing together. We've done well in the format, and, you know, we attribute it to our friendship and playing a lot and competing a lot against each other on normal weeks.

So, yeah, there's sort of a level of comfort that we have when we compete together.

Q. How eager are you to keep that record going?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I don't think much about it. We try to treat every match as an individual match. They all feel different. However it ends up at the end of our career or at the end of the week is how it ends up.

Q. Patrick, I guess this is a counter to maybe your answer there. Is it more important when you know that probably their best team, you're playing their best team, to beat their best team, don't you feel like that sends more of a statement than just if you just beaten one of the other teams?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Probably. Also going out first, there's a real advantage to trying to get red up on the board as early as possible. I think it just gets everyone a little more comfortable and inspires them to just follow suit.

Q. Cam, going back to that last putt, I mean, what was your reaction when you did make it? I'm sorry did you say you were trying to lag it, or were you trying to

make it? What was your reaction?

CAMERON YOUNG: I was obviously thrilled it went in. I kind of knew in the back of my mind that that was to win the match. It wasn't a putt that I feel like you could really try to make. Anything of that distance out here is tricky just to get close.

So I really was just trying to hit a putt that was consistent with how I had hit them throughout the day, trying to make Collin's life easy on the second one.

And every once in a while, those go in.

LAURA VESCOVI: Thank you you all for joining us.

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