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La Quinta, California, USA

PGA WEST Pete Dye Stadium Course

Patrick Cantlay

Quick Quotes



Q. 65 in your opening round here. You got to go low out here. Pretty low for you, and you cap it off with a nice birdie on 18. What was it like to finish the round with that birdie?

PATRICK CANTLAY: You cheated me one, actually 8-under 64. I need all the birdie I can get this week, I can't be shorted any. But off to a good start. Like you said, you need to make a bunch of birdie this week and this is a good start.

Q. Looking at the golf course, the conditions, knowing you have to go low, you mentioned in your presser that you got to stay patient out here. Do you feel you did a good job of staying patient out here, and how do you go forward and keep yourself in contention?

PATRICK CANTLAY: I did, yeah. I think I didn't get all I really wanted to out of the front nine, and finished with a couple birdies. So I did really stay patient, I did a good job of that today, on a golf course I really like, and it's in perfect shape. The superintendent does such a good job every year. So, off to a good start and need three more of those.

Q. So Cal guy, can you just kind of touch on playing here in the desert about two hours from Orange County where you grew up and just being out here in the desert?

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, it's great. It feels almost like home. I grew up playing a lot of golf out here, junior golf and college golf, and having a bunch of friends from Virginia Country Club out following me today, so it feels like a home game.

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