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David Ravetto

Quick Quotes



Q. How much have you been looking forward to coming to France after your victory at the Czech Masters?

DAVID RAVETTO: Yeah, it's been a hell of a few months, a lot of change. I'm excited. I wish the weather was better for The French Open but obviously it's a nice track. I know it well. It a tough track.

And yeah, playing in front of my home crowd is something special. Never really had a good week here, so I'm really heaping to play well and play good golf in front of my home crowd. That would be nice.

Q. Are the emotions different to previous times you played in this event?

DAVID RAVETTO: Yeah, last year when I came here it was pretty much to save my card. I was I think 120th or 125th in Race to Dubai. This year, I'm secure for the next two years. So it's just about performance.

Yeah, honestly, I thought it was going to be a little bit easier to play like this but it's just new targets, new problems. It's the same game. It's still a tough game and I'm still going to have a lot of pressure on the first tee but it's an exciting time.

Q. How many people are coming out to watch you this week?

DAVID RAVETTO: A lot. I had to ask for a couple guest passes and tickets, as well. There's going to be a lot of friends, family as well, grandparents are coming and parents are coming, which is unusual for me.

It's going to be fun playing in front of them, and hopefully I can play some good golf fortunate them.

Q. When you look back over everything that's happened the last couple years, difficulties last year keeping your card, the win this year, if you could go back two years and give yourself some advice, what

would you tell yourself?

DAVID RAVETTO: Stay patient, and I think I still need to tell this advice to me today. It's a tough game, and we see so many great players that come out so young. But that's one of the good things about golf is we have time. My staff keep telling me I'm 27 even though I'm already 27. Just have a good process and team around you, and if you put in the hours correctly and you stay patient, it will come around. I just proved that to myself earlier this year, and it's been a big change last few months, and I'm really excited about it.

Q. Every year since 2011, there's been a French winner on tour. For someone like you, you've had guys that have been successful to look up and I imagine get advice from. Has that been the case?

DAVID RAVETTO: Yeah, we had a nice dinner yesterday for Grégory Havret for his last tournament on DP.

It really struck me last year when I came out on tour, the guys are really friendly helping me, and I'm good buddies with Antoine Rozner; we are from the same club. It's been a huge help, especially seeing him win like three times already.

I think our generation is really pushing forward even the generation before us was really good as well. It was one of the best with Grégory Havret, Raphaël Jacquelin, Victor Dubuisson, Alex Levy. I'm forgetting some names, but I think we have a really nice generation pushing forward.

It's a really good friendship and we're helping each other, especially for like ourselves, like new guys coming on tour and new winners. Yeah, it's really exciting times.

Q. Speaking of new winners, we saw Matthieu Pavon, first Frenchman in the modern era to win on the PGA TOUR, someone from the group you're in. How inspiring is that in wanting to take the next steps of your career?

DAVID RAVETTO: It was really inspiring what he did the



last year. It's a great example of how work ethic and dedication can bring some results, even if it's like seven or eight years later.

But yeah, he worked really hard and got his first win at the end of the season and his first win on the PGA TOUR and now he's set for the stars, I guess, top 30 in the world. He's really inspiring and push us to practise more, and he proves to all of us that it's doable.

For us French guys, we have a bit of a reputation about winning, so he proved to everybody that it was doable, and it pushed us to even work harder and try to do the same.

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