

# The Sentry

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Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii, USA

Plantation Course at Kapalua

## Patrick Cantlay

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Your scoring average for the season is 66. How does it feel to get off to a good start and what was the highlight today?**

PATRICK CANTLAY: Played well today. Actually putted really well today. Sometimes I've struggled around here putting before with the grain and it being a couple months since I played. My ball striking was a little rusty, but kept all the momentum with my putter today, which was nice. So it's a good start. You got to be a ton under par to have a chance to win this week, especially with the conditions being ideal as they were today, so 7-under is a good start.

**Q. Is the putting better here, is that part of the benefits of the move to Florida, getting accustomed to Bermuda?**

PATRICK CANTLAY: Probably. Although, I moved there, I want to say, in 2018, so maybe it's taken five years for that move to help me out.

**Q. What did you do when you were off?**

PATRICK CANTLAY: Took some time off and rested. Got married, had a honeymoon, first of all. Had some time at home. I say all the time, being at home is like being on vacation, because we're living out of a suitcase half the weeks out of the year. Spent some time at home and then get ready for the season.

**Q. What's the benefit of the time off? To clear your head, get your mind, body and everything else?**

PATRICK CANTLAY: I think so. I think there's benefits to unplugging mentally and physically, and hopefully that time off allows me to extend my career a little bit longer. It's tough to play year round, and so I've kind of always taken a bunch of time off in the fall, and this year was probably no different.

**Q. With the way the season's gone back to the calendar year, does that feel like a benefit to you to take that time off and not feel kind of like catching up?**



PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah, I think I finished fourth here one year and I was 55th in the FedExCup, a few years ago. So, I think it will be good. Then it will also be good that all the most important golf is from now until August.

**Q. What do you do when you unplug and what don't you do?**

PATRICK CANTLAY: I stay indoors a lot, because I'm outdoors every day for my job. I started reading the Dune books, because of the movie that's coming out. I saw the movie at home and started to get into those books. I'll read, hang out with friends, go out to a dinner with some friends. Pretty low key.

**Q. How long was the unplug or how long were you not touching clubs?**

PATRICK CANTLAY: I don't know, four, five, six weeks.

**Q. What do you consider, how do you measure a good putting day? Just things going in the hole, is it that simple?**

PATRICK CANTLAY: Yeah.

**Q. Do you look at length, do you look at --**

PATRICK CANTLAY: Today I had a bunch of mid-range putts, so from maybe like 4 to 10 feet. I feel like those putts, if you're reading the greens well and starting the ball where you're looking, you're going to make a lot of those putts. You can't always control making long putts, there's a little bit of chance there. Today I made all those short and mid-rangers.

**Q. Par, birdie, either one?**

PATRICK CANTLAY: A lot of par putts. I was a little rusty with the rest of my, with my iron game, with the rest of my game, so my putter helped me out a bit.

**Q. Do you have an opinion on this field, the idea that -- I mean, last year I think they did winners and TOUR**



**Championship. This year they kicked it out to an extra 20 spots. Do you have an opinion whether it's good, bad, whether it should be only TOUR --**

PATRICK CANTLAY: I think it's great. I think having more of the best players in the world together playing against each other is great. I'm supportive of that change.

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