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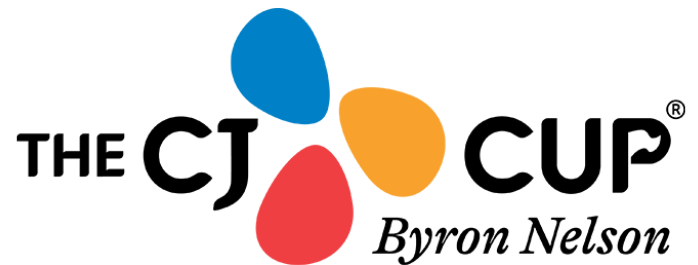
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THE MODERATOR: We are joined here with the 2026 CJ CUP Byron Nelson winner Wyndham Clark. Wyndham, congrats. Just captured your fourth PGA TOUR victory with a final round 60. How was it coming down the stretch for that fourth win?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Man, it was pretty amazing. Obviously I made a birdie on 14, and I look and Si Woo's right there on my heels. Then I birdied 15, and I just knew I had to keep birdieing because I knew Si Woo was probably going to do the same thing, or even Scottie.

I felt pretty comfortable, but I knew I had to put the pedal to the metal and keep making birdies. I made more than I thought I was going to make, that's for sure.

Q. Are you someone who kind of watches the scoreboard? Were you seeing what's going on or your place on the leaderboard? Were you leaning on your caddie for that?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I didn't look at all until 17. 17 I looked because I thought maybe I was up one or two, and I saw I was up one. I knew on 17, okay, this would be a huge putt to make. Making that, I kind of knew that barring something crazy that Si Woo did, I should win. Then 18, that was just the icing on the cake on top.

Q. Your victory before this at Pebble Beach also had a great -- ended up being the final round. Where do these two rounds kind of compare to get the win done?

WYNDHAM CLARK: This is obviously very special, but it's pretty awesome to do it at Pebble, such an iconic golf course.

Any time you win and any time you do it in the fashion I did is very special. At Pebble I didn't have any family and friends there. This one I had my girlfriend, my brother and his fiancée, and a bunch of other friends. So this one is very special in that sense. This will be a little bit more of a fun celebration because I have friends and family here.

Q. Sticking with that, what was it like to see there after doing interviews having your family there?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, it's always awesome. My brother happened to be at a wedding in Austin, and he just drove up this morning. They were supposed to fly out back to Kansas City, and he came up and was able to witness this, which is amazing. Then my girlfriend, she's never really been a part of this stuff. She's new to golf. So that was really neat.

Then my mom was part of Mary Kay, which is based here in Dallas, and I've been coming here a lot as a kid. My dad was born in Texas. So there's definitely some roots here in Texas. So it was very special.

Q. Where in Texas was your dad born?

WYNDHAM CLARK: In -- give me a second. In El Paso.

Q. And you had the mud ball and the missed putt, and I think maybe some players might have maybe thrown off the rhythm, but it didn't seem to faze you very much. I was just wondering how you mentally were able to compartmentalize that?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, I was really bummed that I missed that putt simply because that mud ball was very difficult and then to pull off that really good shot around the green on 9. So it just would have been amazing momentum to birdie there.

The nice thing is I had a pretty decent walk to 10, and then I got to the tee, and Stephan went first, which was nice. I said, all right, reset. We're in a great spot. Just shot 4-under, we can do the same thing on the back.

And making a nice two-putt on 10 kind of settled the nerves a little bit, and then I got going again.

Q. You were No. 7 in the world, I believe at the start of last year. How would you describe where you went from that point and then where today might get you on your journey back to the top 10?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, it's been a pretty heavy fall

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since being -- I was even up to third in the world at some point in '24. Yeah, it's frustrating, but that's golf. I went through kind of a tough spurt, not swinging it good, not feeling comfortable with a lot of things, and I did a lot of work this off-season working on my golf swing.

Then I started hitting it better but wasn't making the putts. Then finally landed on a great putter, and then everything's been kind of coming together.

Needless to say, it feels amazing to be back in the winners circle. I feel like my game's trending in a great direction to continue to have success through the rest of the year.

Q. Related question to that, no disrespect intended here, but your numbers this year, your scores haven't suggested that you were nipping at the heels of a dominant victory like this. Did you feel this coming?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Well, maybe the numbers say that as far as finishes, but I was in contention at the Masters. I was in contention at RBC. I was in contention my first event of the year at Amex, I was in the final or second to last group in third place. I played a lot of really good first two rounds and then just faltered on the weekend.

So in my mind, I look at those and say, okay, I'm playing good golf. I just haven't put it together for four rounds.

But to really answer your question, yeah, I felt like my game was trending. Right before the PGA at home, I shot 64, 63, and 61 at the course -- at Whisper Rock playing with some guys, and I felt really confident. Then I went to the PGA and just drove it the worst I've ever driven it, and that was really the difference. So I was really bummed because my game felt awesome going into PGA, but maybe it was just one week late.

So getting here working on the driver, I felt confident. Then after the first round, I felt really good on the greens, and I said, okay, this could be a really fun, special week.

Q. Unrelated now, I think that anybody who plays golf gets in a zone at some point in their lives. Everybody's zone is different and distinct. What was yours today?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, it was definitely a calm zone, like I never -- yeah, it was weird. I've been in the zone before. Like at Pebble, that was a crazy zone, just simply because that golf course and the putts I was making was almost like out of this world just because those greens are so difficult.

Here it just almost felt like I was playing at home, and every hole was a new hole. I didn't worry that I just made

six birdies or that I needed to make more. I just was like, all right, I have this 20-footer. I see it left edge, and I'd hit it, and it would go in. It was a different zone than I've been in before, that's for sure.

Q. I've been told that you're the first player to win with a closing 60 twice. Obviously the circumstances were much different. You waited for, what, a day plus at Pebble before you were declared a winner, a full day into the night. You did that 60, and you had work left to do to try to win. Then you kind of do it this way. When you hear that, the first to win twice with a closing 60, what do you think? And how do you kind of look back on that Pebble experience of doing that and waiting around and being declared the winner?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, two different experiences. It's a nice accolade to have. I look at Pebble, it was amazing, but that one, I was so close to shooting 59. At that golf course, that would have been just epic.

This one, really 59 wasn't necessarily in the cards. So it's just amazing to finish. I'm just really proud of myself that I didn't waver and I didn't sit back and just try to hit to 20 feet and kind of leak my way in there. I was still very aggressive.

Yeah, then it's fun -- I had a different caddie on the bag for this one as I did for the one at Pebble. It's awesome that I got Big Wave Dave his first win. Different dynamics. John and I had a very unique, amazing, special relationship, and Dave and I are building a better bond. It was -- both were equally amazing. Yeah, it's a cool accolade to have.

Q. We're in a Presidents Cup year, someone who's been a part of it with the U.S. Team, what goals and motivations do you have to get back with the team?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Last year I was really bummed I didn't play in New York. Obviously I didn't have a great year, so I understand. But I felt like Bethpage would really -- was a great golf course for me. So it was a bummer that I didn't make it. To be honest, it pissed me off, but I knew I didn't earn it. I was more mad at myself.

So it would be amazing to be on the team this year, and to play in the U.S. I haven't played a team event in the U.S. I played in Canada. I played in Italy and in Paris for the Olympics. So it would be amazing to be in the hometown crowd. I definitely want to make that team, that's for sure.

Q. Big initiative here at the tournament Saturday with the caddie bibs, you were able to put something on that you do to help you with your mental health. If you could explain what you had on your bib for yesterday's

round and what you do to keep your mental health strong?

WYNDHAM CLARK: I put UNLOK, U-N-L-O-K, no C. UNLOK is an app I'm about to launch this year. It's a mental health and performance app. I've been very blessed to work with one of the best sports psychologists in the world that helped change my game, and I wanted to bring that to everybody.

She's expensive, and some of these people are expensive, and not everyone can afford to pay for it. I thought, you know what, everything I've learned, I can put into an app. It's visualization. It's journaling. It's daily mental goals. And we're using AI to help create this, which is going to be like your mental performance coach.

So I put UNLOK, which is amazing, but it was also great for me mentally because it reminded me all the hard work I put in, and it was amazing to have that initiative this Saturday because it's super important. We know since COVID how important mental health is and more for me too.

It was a very special day, and I played awesome that day and this week. So it was very fitting.

Q. Finally, with family and friends here, what does celebrating a win look like for you tonight?

WYNDHAM CLARK: Well, we originally had a reservation at Carbone. My girlfriend thinks it's overrated, and I think it's one of the greatest places ever. I wanted to take her there and prove it was great, but I've had to move it back and had to double the size of the party. That will be at Carbone, and we'll see where it goes from there.

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