

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: JESPER PARNEVIK

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Q. Can you just talk about your day, seven under now, heading into tomorrow?

JESPER PARNEVIK: Yes. The game didn't feel good today, but putting felt a little bit better, even though I seemed to miss every short one and then I holed two monsters, to sort of kind of even it out, but this is a great week. I mean, Insperity does an unbelievable to be with this tournament. This is probably one of my favorite weeks all year, and with John Daly in the field this week it's been extra chaotic, but it's just it's a mixture of excitement to it and it's going to be like that every week now, which is good for the tour.

Q. What worked well for you today?

JESPER PARNEVIK: I just kept fairly patient. I missed some short putts in the beginning and then, I was struggling a little bit with my putter lately, so I didn't pay too much attention to it and all of a sudden I holed two big ones and I was right back in it, so I need a little bit more polish on my name, I'm working on a little bit of a move that I actually remembered back from the Jim Ballard times, I don't know if you remember him, but he was a huge coach in the day, mid '80s to '90s. Some feelings came back, just thinking about his teaching.

Q. How does it feel to be in contention again?

JESPER PARNEVIK: It's great to feel the butterflies come, you know, alive. All of a sudden you go "oh, I have to focus on these shots." it's different, and, you know, it's going to be it's going to be fun tomorrow, just to be able to have a chance to win and so, I mean, it's been a while, and these guys, I mean, they are all very good players, so I have to play very well tomorrow, which I'm looking forward to. I just am happy to have the chance to win.

Q. How far was that putt on 13?

JESPER PARNEVIK: 13? That was probably 60 feet.

Q. Was that just off the green or on the green?

JESPER PARNEVIK: That was on the green. Yes, it was middle of the green, but that's a huge green.

Q. Yes, it's a huge green.

JESPER PARNEVIK: So maybe it was 40, 45 feet. Probably close to 60, I would say.

Q. That kind of got you going again, right?

JESPER PARNEVIK: Yes, because we were standing here over the second shot and my caddie wanted to lay up, and I was like 230 to the pin and I I sadly just can't. I can't lay up from this yardage, you know, but even though the wind was hard teeing off to the right, it paid off. I know last year, I went for that green every year and I hit on the green or rolled over into the water, so it's a trickier second shot than you think.

Q. You bogeyed 14?

JESPER PARNEVIK: I bogeyed 14. I hit the wrong club. I ended up short and chipped it up, had about a 5footer that I missed, and then missed about a 5footer on 17.

Q. But you made a 5footer here, right?

JESPER PARNEVIK: Yes, that was very nice. The last few weeks, I was not even expecting to make those, so I'm just taking a bogey and work the next hole.

Q. Well, that's big after you pitch it in close like that?

JESPER PARNEVIK: Yes, and after missing those few on 14 and 17, it was nice to just get through this stroke, you know. That stroke had been a little bit, how should I put it, hesitant, lately.

Q. So you're more confident going into tomorrow?

JESPER PARNEVIK: I wouldn't say I don't say I'm full of confidence, but I'm happy I have a chance to win, you know. This is, of course, is my full first year now on the tour, and of course you want to win, but I mean I also notice how well everybody can play out here. I actually thought it was going to be easier out here, but it is not. We are playing pretty much the same tees we play when the PGA TOUR plays and I thought I would have like a par five, and you just kind of dinky around, but no, it is not that way. So it's fun, you know, it's a real test of your game.

Q. Do you remember your best finish here in the Houston open?

JESPER PARNEVIK: No. For some reason, I don't think I even played here. Maybe it was an opposite event.

Q. No, it was one of those that was a tough, tough time.

JESPER PARNEVIK: I don't know if I played in Europe at that time, or but that was, you know, mid '90s to 2000 or so. I had to play both tours because of the Ryder Cup, and so every chance I don't know what it was because I played every year when we moved to the new place. It was something in the schedule, must have been.

Q. Well, they moved the week ahead of the Masters.

JESPER PARNEVIK: Okay.

Q. So, you know

JESPER PARNEVIK: That could have been it.

Q. This is going to be a horse race tomorrow. Everybody is packed right in there.

JESPER PARNEVIK: Oh, yes. I mean, it's a tough course to run away with, because it's fairly tricky course. You have a lot of shots that could end up where they shouldn't end up and have a good scoring effort and it is hard sometimes, because a lot of the holes it is a beautiful golf course, where you really want to hit it to those ends, they are right on the edge of the water, and you miss a little bit and you wish you didn't.

Q. You know better.

JESPER PARNEVIK: I don't know better, but sometimes I wish I knew better. But hopefully I know better tomorrow.

Q. What do you do? You look like the same guy you were 25 years ago? How is that possible?

JESPER PARNEVIK: I don't work as hard, but I work because of all my injuries. I have to keep going with rehab and so on, the last ten years and I have been trying so many different method, I do tons of different stuff. And I have to keep in shape, otherwise, my back is going to not work the way I want it to work. So it is a process of a few hours every day as it gets going but it is so much better than it has been. I mean, I would over even consider balls or anything on the range a few years ago. Now I hit a few buckets. And I can get out of bed in the morning. That's a good thing.

Q. That is important.

JESPER PARNEVIK: Thank you. So, that's that.

Q. Thank you, Jesper.