

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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MARK CALCAVECCHIA (-8)

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: I just looked at the board. Bernhard didn't go crazy again. There's a ton of guys within four shots of the lead. Even if Bernhard gets to 10, the lead gets to 10, there's still 20, 25 guys within five shots of the lead. Lots of 65s and 4s and 3s are possible out here if you have a great round. It's anybody's ballgame, for sure.

Q. When you looked at the board this morning, he shoots a 63 yesterday --

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Yeah.

Q. -- and of course we know what he's capable of. Are you a little surprised that he let y'all back in?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: It was definitely tougher conditions today. There was a little bit of breeze blowing and I thought the pins were a little bit tougher today. There were some good rounds early, I saw there were some 65s out there. It's tough to back up 63s with another low one. I'm a little bit surprised he didn't shoot 2 or 3 or 4 under, quite honestly, as good as he is, but we're all kind of glad he didn't.

Q. He missed a real short putt on (inaudible.)

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Yeah, tomorrow we'll just see what happens. I've got to drive it a little bit better.

As far as my game goes, my iron game's in really good shape. I hit a lot of good putts. Even the guys I was playing with, the ball looks like it's going in and then it just straightens out at the hole. The greens can be tough to make putts on. The last three holes I hit good putts, I thought I made all three of them. The one on 16 straightened out, the one on 17 broke and the one on 18 broke. So it's kind of the answer to these greens I think and it's tough to get a lot of putts to go in.

Q. This question could be taken the wrong way, but did you drop a lot of weight?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Yeah, 40, 45 pounds. I got up to 265 there for a while, which wasn't good. I think I'm around 220 now.

Q. Obviously carrying a few extra years and not be carrying pounds, that's probably a pretty good trade-off?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Yeah, it was something I needed to do.

Q. How did you do it?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Just watched what I ate, didn't eat any crap, portion control more or less, drank a lot less.

Q. What was the time period of the 45-pound loss?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: I kind of did it within about a six-month period. It came off pretty quick really.

Q. How long ago?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: It's probably been a couple years. Mainly one of the reasons was for my back, and it didn't really help my back. As it turns out, if your back's bad, your back's bad whether you weigh 260 or 220. It made a huge difference for my knees and my feet, for my stamina, which sure helped a lot.

Q. Do you notice it out on the course?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Oh, definitely. I mean, I'm not dying coming down the stretch physically. I used to get around No. 12 and be looking for the finish line. Now I feel like I can keep playing, I'm not tired at all.

Q. The fact that you're saying it's been a couple years, you got into the right routine and you've maintained it?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Yeah. I'm almost 58 years old and your window is shrinking as far as competing. Obviously I played my best when I was in my early 50s and that's generally the case, you know, with the exception of Mr. Langer out here, who's still playing great at 60 years old.

Q. Ageless.

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Right. But he still looks like he did when he was 40.

Q. That's probably not a coincidence.

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: You can't be cruising around out here when you're 60 years old, fat and out of shape and expect to have a chance to play well. So that kind of goes --

Q. So the golf is more fun, maybe the rest of your life is slightly less fun? It's fun enough, right?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Yeah, it's fun enough.