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Third-round Interview

### AN INTERVIEW OF NATHAN GREEN

**THE MODERATOR:** Nathan Green, thanks for joining us for a couple of minutes here after the third round here at the Bank of America Colonial. Your third consecutive 67. It looks like you are in a great position heading in the final round, there are still players on the course, but you have to like your position. Maybe some opening comments?

**NATHAN GREEN:** Yeah, it just good to be playing well. I haven't played well for a few months, and I don't know, or played consistently well. I played pretty, I hit a lot of greens. It's been kind of boring, which has sort of been good, just seeing all of the greens, and making the odd putt. It's good to be back in the mix again.

**THE MODERATOR:** Talk about the conditions out there. A 67 has to be a good score with how firm the fairways and greens have gotten in the past days.

**NATHAN GREEN:** Everything is firming up and the pins are hidden way more than they have been. It's getting pretty hard to pick the wind, and it's sort of crawling around a little bit. A pretty big risk and to take it straight into pins. A lot of 20-30-footers and it's just hard to make 'em. The key is not making the big numbers and getting through the tough stretches of the holes like 3, 4, and 5, and I find it tough through 12, 13, and 14, as well today. Any hole around here you can definitely rack up a big numbers, it's being patient and taking the birdies where you can.

**THE MODERATOR:** Questions?

**Q** Have you ever been in this kind of a rut before, 67, 67, 67?

**NATHAN GREEN:** Not in a good rut, I'm usually at 76, 76, 76. Definitely it feels good. I have been working hard on my game lately and I am feeling like I get some sort of value out of that. I'd be more than happy with another 67 tomorrow. I'm not sure what score is going to be leading, but the conditions continue they're probably not going to gain much more than 12 or 13 or 14, depending. But still I need a really good round tomorrow and looking forward to it.

**Q** Can you compare the feeling of having put yourself in contention here with Torrey Pines a few months ago?

**NATHAN GREEN:** I'm not sure. It does seem like so long ago. It's a totally different golf course. The rough is very thick at Torrey Pines. And a lot longer golf course. This sort of course probably suits me a little bit better because I'm not a long hitter of the ball and it's probably a bit more of a premium of hitting fairways. And you have to be on the fairways to get the pins and get control. I definitely got a lot of experience out at Torrey Pines about being in contention, and being able to play in that atmosphere and that sort of thing. It's going to be similar to that tomorrow there is going to be big crowds and a tough course. I want to get the performance that I did at Torrey Pines in the last round and maybe go one better.

**Q** Does this particular course make it more of a comfort zone for you? Maybe you wondered yourself how well your game would be suited to that course for four days because it's so long and, you know, this course is more of a tighter shorter course?

**NATHAN GREEN:** The course there I got through the week with a really sharp short game, and my putting was fantastic. This week, my putting hasn't been fantastic, but the course management has been good. And I haven't made any huge mistakes, I don't know. It is really hard to compare, it's a totally different kettle of fish.

**Q** Nathan, you are going to have maybe two guys at 4-under today and that's it. What is the biggest difference between today and yesterday?

**NATHAN GREEN:** Just pins they are tough to lay, and the par 5, the scoring holes. One is really hard to get over for two. Half of 'em today was just picking the wind. We had a few circumstances early on where on 9 I thought was playing straight into the breeze, second shot, and I thought it was a good shot and I over-flew the green and ended up pretty dead. From then on I was pretty cautious. It was generally comes from the same direction, but it was crawling around a bit. You play two holes back-to-back you feel like it's hurting you going both ways. It's makes it hard to hit the pins when you are not sure if you are going to hit it.

**Q** Were the greens playing harder today?

**NATHAN GREEN:** Surprisingly I thought they were rolling pretty well. They looked really quick and they are not playing as quick as they look. I was leaving a lot of putts short today. But tomorrow, I think, they might probably speed them up a little bit being the final day. The greens are going to hold up and they have held up fantastic for the first three days considering the heat and the wind. So maybe they'll make it a bit tougher tomorrow. It's going to be a good day.

**Q** Is it any coincidence that there is four or five Australians up there near the top? Is there anything you can point to as to why that is?

**NATHAN GREEN:** The courses are kind of similar. All of the Melbourne courses they do break up and you play those hard fast fairways and hard fast greens as well. The scoring at those courses is never really -- we're probably more accustomed to sort of respecting par in that sort of respect. Like 2 and 3-under around here is a great score. The course I struggle at is the ones where they are shooting 8-under everyday and final score is about 25 under par. This course it really makes you sort of -- I don't know par on every hole is a good score. I think patience and finding your opportunities when they come.

**Q** What about the theory of Aussie as good wind players? I know a lot of people live there on the coast and that kind of thing. You play a lot of golf in the wind in Australia?

**NATHAN GREEN:** Definitely we do. But then again, since I have been in Texas and practicing here the wind blows every day here too. So I'm not too sure if it's a coincidence or not, but we do play in a lot of wind. And I'm not too sure the Australians probably tend hit it a little bit lower. I don't know if that is a huge advantage I would say it's more the conditions .

**Q** Do you actually make an adjustments in yardages take less clubs and expect the ball to release more when the greens are this hard?

**NATHAN GREEN:** You are playing for the front of the green a lot more. The damage here is hitting it long it seems like. It's so hard to get up-and-down from the fairway lies when the greens are running away from you. We end up playing the middle of the green a lot today compared to usual. It's tough with the heat the ball is traveling further here as well. It's a lot to take into consideration I think especially with the approach shots. It's a premium on hitting fairways, but picking the right clubs into the green and avoiding trouble.

**Q** A little longer view you had obviously a couple of great tournaments at the beginning of the year and sort of the dot, dot, dot. How do you account for the fall out?

**NATHAN GREEN:** I have been always been a bit fleeting up and down. This year during my down time I'm making a lot of cuts. I haven't had a great deal of confidence in my game. I have been working hard and just trying to get myself into the situation. And it's been the same for the last four or five months. I feel the game hasn't ever gone really bad this year, it's just two shots around on this tour is a massive difference compared to a lot of other tournaments I've played.

**Q** Is there any material changes in your life since then, have you moved house or made a swing change?

**NATHAN GREEN:** We moved to Texas at the start of the beginning of the year. I think your swing changes. It feels different to me every week and so that sort of evolves. So my swing from the start of the year is different to what it is now. I feel like I'm hitting the ball as well as I was at the start, but I just haven't been scoring as well.

**Q** (Inaudible)?

**NATHAN GREEN:** I never had a place here we moved to Playnard. I enjoy the heat. It's sort of a good place to move to. We have come to our friends' place for the last two years when I was on Nationwide. And that is one of the reasons for moving here. We enjoy our tournament. We were pretty welcomed up and it's been good.

**Q** (Inaudible)?

**NATHAN GREEN:** I know. I think this was, one day I was out practicing last year it was about 115°. I'm not going to practice when it gets hotter than that.

**Q** You don't project the most outward confidence in the world, and you talk a lot about how fleeting your confidence seems to be. Are you surprised where you are right now?

**NATHAN GREEN:** Not really. I know when I play well I can mix with the best. Definitely my lack of confidence has hurt me over the years and I'm slowly getting a bit more in my game. There is no better test of where you are at than being in the last few groups of the Sunday. Hopefully I will be able to handle it tomorrow and just place another good score would be nice.

**THE MODERATOR:** Nathan, if we could touch on your round.

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**THE MODERATOR:** Anything else? Nathan Green, thanks.

**NATHAN GREEN:** Thank you.

**THE MODERATOR:** Good luck tomorrow.

**NATHAN GREEN:** Thanks a lot.

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