

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
**August 3, 2018**

**PETER LONARD (-6)**



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**Q. Just a few thoughts on the round? Started out really nice there and continued on through the round.**

**PETER LONARD:** I did, a nice start. Yeah, I don't think -- well, I wasn't in the tournament until Wednesday, so, you know, took me a long time to get here. I was halfway home to -- well, I was going to -- I was originally going to Australia because I was in nothing. Then I was in Reno, so I went to Reno. And then I -- I unloaded the golf balls on the practice range and then I got a text saying you were second reserve. I actually had no idea what I was second reserve for. Then I got a first reserve, so I thought I better find out what it is. Then all of a sudden they said you're in.

So next thing, Edinburgh, Chicago. Chicago lost our bags so I missed my flight, so that was another five hours in Chicago. Then we went to Chicago to San Fran. San Fran to -- I got in 11:00 in San Fran, stayed there that night. Flew at 9:00 to Reno, got on the range, hit five balls. Got back in the car, drove back to the hotel, repacked my suitcase, went back to Reno, flew back to San Fran, spent five hours there waiting for the flight here. Got here at 5:00 in the morning and played the pro-am on Wednesday.

So it was very confusing but it was good. It was nice to get in. It was a long day, but it was a nice day, the opportunity to play. This is the first one I've actually played outside of majors. Yeah, it feels very strange, no cut and all that sort of stuff, but I think I could get used to it.

**Q. What are your thoughts on the course?**

**PETER LONARD:** Course is fantastic, course is really good, you know. It has a bit of bounce, fairways pretty wide, really puts a bit of -- your second shots, approaches to the greens are probably the most important around here. If you can hit them on the fairways, you've got a lot of opportunities.

**Q. Take us through No. 4.**

**PETER LONARD:** Well, you know, I knew it was a 7-iron, but my caddie was insisting it was an 8-iron. I overruled him as per usual and hit the 7-iron. No, it was like 168, it was actually perfect yardage, I think. So hit a 7-iron and the ball -- everything sort of fell in place. The wind was off the right, the pin was tucked in left, so I basically just hang it out in the right and let it go in the wind. Unfortunately, I can't see good enough to actually see it go in, but they tell me it did.

**Q. After the travel hell that you endured, do you feel the golf gods owed you one?**

**PETER LONARD:** Yeah, maybe they owed me one, I don't know. I think by the time we get to this age we think all golfing gods owe us one all the time. They just don't give them up very often.

**Q. You say you didn't -- I mean, the scores here are typically, I mean, 20, 23 under. So to post a 6 to start, do you feel like this was a good way to kick it off?**

**PETER LONARD:** Better than shooting even. So, you know, somewhere around the lead every day and you're going to have one day (inaudible) with the putter. If I holed it, I did it. (Inaudible) if I holed a 7-iron, but realistically it was probably going to be a birdie anyway. So I didn't really hole a lot of putts. To win these sort of things, you have to have that day. So hopefully my streaky day with the putter's tomorrow or Sunday.

**Q. What was it, they sent a clarification text like, "Hey, you're first reserve," and did you say, "For what?"**

**PETER LONARD:** At first I said -- like I couldn't figure out what it was for because I was 30th reserve when I left Edinburgh, I was seventh reserve for Reno, and I thought I'll just fly to San Fran, just going home back to Australia. When she said I was in, I wasn't too sure. I didn't know if I was being punked or they were serious or what the deal was.

But anyway, I said can I think about it? She said yeah. And then 10 minutes later the girl from the PGA sent me a text saying, you realize if someone pulls from the other pro-am tomorrow and you're not here, you're out? I went, no, I didn't know that. So I'm like a rookie again, I'm learning all the rules. I went, well, when am I in? She said, you're teeing off at 12:30 or 12:40. So oh, my. That's why I went back to Reno and flew over here, so it was well worth it.