

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA ( -14)**

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**Q. Mark, you started the day with the lead, now you enter the final round with the lead. Just talk about the round today.**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Well, it was interesting, a lot of good things happened. Made a lot of birdies, made a lot of nice putts. I made three bogeys. Two of them I made, I hit great shots on the par 3s, 8 and 14. On 8 it buried in the front bunker, just needed a few more yards in the air, and 14 it just went over the green but it was a beautiful 4-iron. And then I missed a short putt on 15. But, you know, then I came back and birdied the last three, made a couple 30-footers on 16 and 17. It was a great finish, kind of really saved the day with that. I'm super happy. I'm playing well and I can't wait for tomorrow.

**Q. Biggest smile of the day was definitely that long putt on 16 getting the lead back. How important was that just to have some confidence at the end there?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** You know, it was amazing, and I hardly ever do this, at least anymore. I actually talked myself into that. I said, "I'm going to make this." I mean, it was just -- I was so bummed out I bogeyed 14 because I really hit a beautiful shot. And then to bogey 15, I'm like, "No, I'm playing too good, I can't screw this up." Just like I hit a good shot into 16 and I decided I'm going to make this, this is ridiculous. And I just, sure enough, I just made it. So it felt good to talk myself into that and wheel that one in.

I had a pretty good vibe on 17, too. I've had that putt before and I knew it broke about a foot right to left, and I hit a beautiful putt and it went right in the middle. Then made a good birdie on 18. I was over there kind of in those, whatever this crap is, pine much, and hit a good shot out of that right at the green and had not too hard of a two-putt, so it was a great finish.

**Q. It's never easy to win out here, you're going to have to beat Langer, a dominant player, tomorrow. Just talk about that.**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah, you know, obviously as good as he is, by a mile our best player, he's not going to have a bad day. I'm not expecting him to shoot even as little as 2 or 3 under, I expect him to shoot 6 or 7 under. I've got to go out and I feel like I've got to shoot 6 or 7 under to beat him. I'm not going to play him match play, I'm not going to worry about what he's shooting and how good he's playing. I'm going to try to make as many birdies as I can and worry about him, you know, coming into 15 or 16. If I'm still ahead or neck and neck with him or a shot or two behind, then I'll try to catch him, but I'm going to do my best to shoot as low as I can and hopefully it will be enough. You're right, it's not easy to win out here. I've always said that. What he does, each one of these guys out here is amazed at what he does. But I've got him by two, he's got to beat me by three, and if I keep shooting

64s and 66s, I like my chances.

**Q. He said he figures it will be about 20.**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah, I would love to get to 20. He's got to get -- he's got to shoot 64 to get to 20, but I wouldn't put it past him. But again, I'm not going to start adding them up while I'm out there, I'm just going to try to play my holes as I get to them and give myself as many good looks as I can get. It's a cliché, but you just play one shot at a time. I'm hitting good shots and my swing feels good. I was proud of the way I came back and played the last three holes when I needed to. At least I know I can use that, build on that and use that tomorrow if I have to and say, "Hey, I birdied the last three holes yesterday, I can do it today."

**Q. Your confidence level has to be pretty high after back-to-back rounds like this.**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** It is. I knew I was playing pretty well. Played a lot of golf in the last week with Russ Cochran and Gene Sauers and Mike Goodes, we played 45 holes in two days. Played with Jesper a couple days before that, and Russ' son. They both knew I was playing well, so been playing a lot. I've been practicing, hitting balls on the other days and I've been throwing some work at it, so feeling like I've got a pretty good idea of what I'm doing, so it's nice, feel good.

**Q. How long was the putt on 18?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** It was just right of the green over there probably about 40 feet from the hole. I had to go through about 10 or 12 feet of fringe. Once I got it through there, then it just kind of rolled down to the hole, and it was looking pretty good about 10 or 12 feet from the hole and then it just kind of broke a little more than I thought and left me about two and a half feet. It was a little outside my comfort zone for the last putt of the day, but I made it right in the middle so it was nice.

**Q. What was your distance on 16 and 17 again?**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Both of them were about 30 feet.

**Q. It would have been quite a trio to end with if you made that 40-footer.**

**MARK CALCAVECCHIA:** Yeah, it would have been nice. Yeah, Bren thought it was looking pretty good. She's like, "Ohhhhh." She got pretty excited there for a minute.