PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW: BRAD FAXON & RYAN McGUIRE Wednesday, June 10, 2015



Q. What do you think of what he's doing there? I mean, he's inspired by this friend who passed.

BRAD FAXON: Absolutely incredible. I mean, to have somebody that's six years old to have the wherewithal to even think about doing something like that is absolutely amazing. I've been fortunate enough to be involved with Golf Fights Cancer for quite a while now and there's some pretty emotional stories. Something that we've got to try to figure out a way to battle and figure out a way to cure this horrible disease. A kid six years old starting, that's awesome.

I just still want to know how you thought about playing 100 holes. I've played 54 in one day but never 100. I can't imagine what that's like.

Q. It's quite a nice coincidence that this tournament, Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS, is here this week and Ryan's doing this next week --

BRAD FAXON: Absolutely.

Q. -- and you guys get to meet up.

BRAD FAXON: And one of the fellas that's very involved with Golf Fights Cancer, Brian Oates, works for the Patriots. Brian's playing right now, he's just got in the tournament. Do you know Brian Oates?

RYAN McGUIRE: Yeah.

BRAD FAXON: Do you have any friends that are related to him?

RYAN McGUIRE: Well, his oldest son is playing on my team.

BRAD FAXON: Oh, really? That's cool. But yeah, so I think some of the money from this tournament might even go to GFC.

Q. He's raised more than half his goal of the \$5,000. What do you think of that?

BRAD FAXON: Well, I think that's great. And if we can get you guys to put it on TV it'll be a lot easier. As a matter of fact, I told the story to one of my pro-am partners today and he said just send me a link because I'll write a check.

You're going to help to raise a lot of money. You should be proud of yourself, young man.

Q. What are three things to keep in mind if you're teaching players who are Ryan's size?

BRAD FAXON: If I'm going to teach a player Ryan's size, what would I tell them?

Q. Yeah, three things that might be good to know.

BRAD FAXON: Well, I always think that kids can learn and I learned from imitation. You know, I think we forget that. I think as parents, this generation wants them to be taught everything by somebody else rather than to learn by watching, reading your own books, watching on video and TV.

I remember as a kid I watched my favorite golfers play and tried to copy them. So I don't think you have to spend \$150 an hour to have a six-year old get better at anything, never mind this kid. But you can teach them little things and I think you've got to be careful on how deep you go in the actual technical part of the instruction. I think one point at a time is pretty important, not 15 things at a time, and not to correct every single error. But I just want to see a smile on a face really right now at this stage.

Q. Hey, Ryan, did you learn something today from Brad that you can use on Wednesday when you do your 100 holes?

RYAN McGUIRE: Yeah.

Q. What did you learn? Something with putting?

RYAN McGUIRE: Yeah.

Q. Cool. He's the best putter in the world.

BRAD FAXON: I taught you to aim a little better, right?

RYAN McGUIRE: Yeah.

BRAD FAXON: That's important where the putter aims.

Q. I was pretty thrilled when I saw it first go in. What does that feel like when you're out there with Brad and you got it.

RYAN McGUIRE: I feel excited.

BRAD FAXON: He said he doesn't get nervous. That's pretty impressive because I'd be nervous.

Q. You never get nervous?

RYAN McGUIRE: Sometimes.

Q. What's the secret to not being nervous?

RYAN McGUIRE: To just have fun and not be nervous.

BRAD FAXON: That's it. He said the right thing.