

**FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW:
JASON DUFNER & BRANDT SNEDEKER**



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DAVE SENKO: Well, Jason and Brandt, congratulations on the win. Finished 30 under total for the three days. Maybe just give us a quick rundown on today and the tournament overall, each of you, and then we'll get some questions.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, I thought today we did exactly what I thought we had to do. We got off to a pretty good start. We birdied the first hole and then I had a chip-in on No. 3 that kind of got us going a little bit. Played really solid golf for the most part. Seemed like when one of us was out of the hole, the other guy would come through with a clutch putt or a clutch chip or whatever it may be. Kind of ham-and-egged it perfectly. It's always nice to have a partner like Duf who's hitting it right in the middle of the fairway and right in the middle of the green so made it a lot easier on me today.

JASON DUFNER: Yeah, I think the key in best ball, and we did this great today, is not to birdie the same holes.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah.

JASON DUFNER: Sometimes you get into a situation where both of us play pretty good, make five or six or seven birdies, but we're birdieing the same holes. Today that wasn't the case. Seemed like Brandt birdied 1 and 3 and then I came in and birdied 4, he birdied 6, I birdied 7, I birdied 9, 10. So we're mixing it up. I think I had five, he had six, so it was pretty equal partnership today. There wasn't too much stress out there. I think we had one putt on the 8th hole from about six or seven feet that we kind of needed, and good thing he was putting it and made it and it was a pretty easy day.

DAVE SENKO: Brandt, did you birdie the first two?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I did, yes.

DAVE SENKO: How far was the putt on 1, do you remember?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: A foot.

DAVE SENKO: And the chip-in?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: My chip on 3, yeah.

DAVE SENKO: How far?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I don't know, it was probably a 30-foot chip, 25 yards off the green.

Q. Just wanted to check on the 18th, I didn't get a chance to see that one, what happened there?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I hit it in the fairway bunker and hit a 9-iron to about 30 feet. Duf hit a wedge, I think probably?

JASON DUFNER: 9-iron.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: To about 20 feet and I made my putt.

Q. So you guys just kept attacking at the end?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, you know, Duf did a great job. The key for us was 17. Jason hit a great -- pulled his drive a little bit and got lucky and went way down the fairway. Hit 7-iron in and made birdie there. Made a clutch, a tough four-footer down the hill, that gave us the lead going into the last hole, so that was huge. Otherwise, last hole's a lot different. So that was probably the shot of the day in my mind was him making that four foot, made the tough putt down-grain downwind, and he put a great stroke on it and made it.

JASON DUFNER: Yeah, I think that was key. One good thing, we were playing in the last group so we kind of knew where we stood. I remember looking around coming over there on 14 and we had a two-shot lead with, what is that, five to go? Felt pretty good. Two par 5s, we birdie those two, we can probably be right in this. 17 was huge. I tugged my drive just a bit. It caught some of that hardpan over there and got to scooting. I didn't hit the greatest of 7-irons but I left myself a pretty easy pitch and a nice four-footer that I made right in the middle. The last hole, he hit it in a little bit of trouble off the tee but I was in the middle, and for him to get it on that green 25, 30 feet, that took a lot of pressure off me. I feel like he's a pretty good putter, get at least a two-putt out of this and I can do what I do best and go after that pin a little bit in case it doesn't work out that way and still have another good look.

Q. You mentioned in a couple interviews out there when one of you were out of the hole, the other one was in it. Were the cases where somebody was already safe and then the other person was out of the hole, or was there really a couple of times where, okay, yeah, I'm -- he's out of the hole and I really have to finish this off?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I think the only time that we were really, really one of us was out of the hole was on the 8th hole, that par 3. That was the only time that once of us was out of the hole. The rest of the time we had putts at pars to save the day.

JASON DUFNER: I think we both only had one bogey today so we were right there. But like the 3rd hole, we both missed the green. I chipped up to a couple feet. That gives him a lot of confidence to be aggressive with his chip. He chips it in. A situation like that. We

were in good position on 6, we both kind of messed up our pitch shots but he makes a 40-footer. Next hole we both missed the green, I chip in. So it's those types of things in these events where we're not birdieing the same holes and we're kind of picking up momentum and helping each other out, makes a big difference. I like teams. I like teams a lot more than individuals. Neither one of us probably would have won today playing by ourselves.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: No, we would not have. It's great to know that Duf's hitting behind me all day so I can go ahead and be a little bit more aggressive.

Q. Could this be a future partnership if you guys end up playing a Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup if the captain asks?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I told Duf I would be more than happy to take the shirt off and caddie for him.

JASON DUFNER: He can read some greens. I give him a hundred percent.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Jason, I play with Jason a lot and this is the best I've ever seen him roll it. He put it everywhere I told him to put it pretty much for three days and had confidence in me to read the greens right for him and he made a ton of putts. We wouldn't obviously be here without him making those key putts that he did.

JASON DUFNER: I think we would be really good in best ball format. I'm pretty consistent, I'm in the fairway, I'm on the greens. That gives him a lot of confidence. He putts really good, so that gives me more confidence. I was able to stroke the ball a lot freer this week knowing that he's on the green putting.

Q. You showed it in the press conference, but humor, how much has that helped over these past three days?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: We've known each other for a long time so we're not afraid to give each other a hard time unless it's a bad shot or --

JASON DUFNER: Or the other guys we're playing with.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Or the other guys we're playing with. We gave Charley Hoffman and Daniel Berger a hard time all day today and we had some fun with them. So that helps a lot because otherwise these things can drag on and you're not having a good time. The whole point of this is to have a good time. I had a blast this week, I know Duf did, too. It made the days go by faster, it made our golf better, kind of everything, all of the above.

Q. You guys mentioned yesterday how you still feel like you're playing at a high level. Is this just a great way to close 2015 or can you use it or do you use it as a momentum into 2016?

JASON DUFNER: Yeah, I mean, I think I learned that I'm pretty close to playing pretty well and getting back to really being consistent and having some confidence out there. I also learned today I didn't have my best day today on the last round so I still have some work to do. It's a great experience. When you're competing in that environment, it's almost the same as playing the big tournaments and playing majors, you know, so you learn a little bit something. I'm always trying to learn something out here about myself, what I'm doing good, what I'm doing bad. And I think winning gives you confidence, you feel good. It's hard to win any event we play out here, so when you're doing it, you get a lot of confidence from it.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: For sure. I think the biggest thing that we both learned is that when the pressure came on today, and people say this is a silly event but you still get a lot of pressure. You're coming down the stretch and you want to win, you want to hit the key shots when you need to. It's always good when you do that. It backs up what you're working on, it backs up what you're thinking and you can take whatever you want out of any events you play in. So we're going to take a ton of positives out of this week going into next year. We both hit some quality shots coming down the stretch, he made some key putts, I made some good swings coming down the stretch. So you always pull that from your memory bank when you're kind of going into the first event of the year knowing you've got some stuff, some history of positive things in your mind.

Q. How much were you keeping track of Harris and Matt considering their track record here even though you were playing with Daniel and Charley?

JASON DUFNER: I like to leaderboard watch. I think it's important for me, I like to know where I stand, know what's going on. Some people say oh, it doesn't dictate how you play, but I feel like it does. I asked Snedeker on the last hole, I wasn't sure, did they birdie 18 or not because if they did and now we're tied, now I can be more aggressive with my second. They were playing well. I saw around the 14th hole that they were 2 back. I figured they'd birdie both par 5s, which they did, and we needed one more and we got it. What was that on?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: 17.

JASON DUFNER: 17.

Q. You guys talked about how well Jason was rolling the ball this week and you said it's getting better and better. You can take that into next year. What kind of feelings can you take from this week with your putter going into 2016?

JASON DUFNER: Well, it just gives me a perspective of where I can be as far as my putting goes. There's no reason why it should change when I go to the Sony or play a bunch of tournaments next year. We go through peaks and valleys out here and you feel a little different, but it reaffirms this is the level that I can putt at, this is how good I can be doing this. So that's pretty refreshing to know that I can putt at a high level, I can make putts

when I need to. I always have been pretty good in clutch situations. I've never missed too many putts. I've actually made more putts. People think I really hit it well at PGA, but they don't realize I had 24 putts that day, too. It seems like when the pressure's on and the moment's bigger, I putt better. Those like four-footers on Friday afternoon that give me a problem, those add up.

Q. A quick follow-up. Does something slow down for you? Do you just see the lines a little bit better in pressure situations or is there something that comes with that maybe in a regular situation it doesn't?

JASON DUFNER: Yeah, I think I get a little bit more focused in those situations to be honest with you. My mind tends to wander occasionally out here and sometimes it's a task for me to focus for 18 holes and stay in the present. Putting's one of those things, there's no getting it back. With poor driving or poor iron shots, you can always hit a recovery shot but if you miss a five-footer, you can't really get that back. There's not much you can do about it and that tends to wear on you over the course of a round and your mind wanders. I don't know, those big moments I just like to be in them and feel more comfortable actually to be honest, which is weird.

Q. Were you thinking how would Brandt read this puff?

JASON DUFNER: Yeah, definitely. I watched him a lot. I watched him in the past. He hasn't really talked to me about it when we've been playing but this week I was able to pick his brain a little bit and watch what he does and his routine and his confidence and how he reads the greens. I was kind of shocked because we were seeing pretty close to the same thing. There was a couple putts where he saw something a little different than maybe what I would have played in the tournament, but he's the boss with that, so when he says it goes this way, that's where I hit it or at least try to.