

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: BRANDT SNEDEKER**  
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**Q. Brandt, another brilliant display on those greens. To shoot a 69 on that golf course, how tough it was today, another pleasing performance?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Definitely. Obviously made a bunch of putts, missed a couple short ones, tap-ins. That's going to happen on poa, just have to take that with a grain of salt. I didn't drive it very good today. Way to hang in there, make some key putts when I needed to and give myself a chance. I'm right where I love to be here on the weekend and this course isn't getting any easier, so I'm looking forward to the weekend, the challenge it presents.

**Q. Tell all those people who struggle on poa annua greens, how do you putt on these things. You hole everything.**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** I don't know. It's just one of those things, I feel comfortable on them. I read them really, really well. I understand that they're going to bobble a little bit throughout the course of the day, but if you can get them on a good line starting out, get them rolling tight, if you get them rolling tight on these greens, they'll hold their lines pretty well. Proved that today, hit a lot that were rolling tight today and they went in from just about everywhere today. So it's fun and hopefully I can keep doing it over the weekend.

**Q. Well, it would be surprising if you didn't given your record around here, two wins, two runner-ups and a third place. What is it about this entire property that fits your eye?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** There's definitely a lot of strategy involved. Guys don't think that there is. They think they should have to hit every fairway and that's not the case. There's a lot of strategy on where you miss it, how to get yourself around it. You don't have to hit it perfect here by any means to shoot a score, but you've got to know where you can miss it and where you can't. So I did a great job today of missing it in the right spots to give myself a lot of good opportunities to save pars when I had to and wait for those holes -- there's birdie holes out there, you've just got to wait for them to come and not force it around here.

**Q. Two-time champion posting that 69 playing alongside Justin Rose. Very good score on that golf course today. If you had to go through your bag what do you think you leaned on the most?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Putter. That's what you have to do around here.

**Q. That's a shocker.**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah. To play well around here you need to make sure your

strengths are playing well. My strength's my putting. I love these greens, I love this place a lot. So it was fun to get out there and roll the ball good. Gave myself a lot of chances for putts to go in and they went in today, which was nice. Need to tighten up my driving just a little bit before the weekend starts and I'll be in good shape. I love this place. I kind of (inaudible) this place and it seemed to take care of me pretty well today.

**Q. In the last 40 years, only two guys have gone back-to-back here at the Farmers Insurance Open. Those players are Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods. We've got a lot of golf to play, but if you're able to do that, what would it mean to win in back-to-back years here at Torrey?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, it's something I've never done in my career, obviously something to check off. Something that would be pretty impressive, I think, coming back to the same venue and doing it again. But there's a long way to go. Justin's playing some phenomenal golf. I got to witness it for the first two days and realized I have to tighten up a little bit to be able to take him down.

There's one thing about Torrey Pines, there's always a packed leaderboard. There's always a bunch of guys on Sunday with a chance to win. So you've got to keep you head in the game, grinding, fighting. You're going to have a bad stretch where you're going to get a bad nine holes and I haven't had mine yet so hopefully I can kind of avoid it but's it's going to be coming and just try to withstand it and be ready Sunday afternoon late.

**Q. Brandt, nice round today, 3 under par. Assess how you played out there in tough conditions today.**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** It's tough. The wind was up a little bit today compared to yesterday. The course is just playing long and tough. That's the way it always is here. There's a way to play it and get around it and you have to make some putts. The greens were obviously growing today, a little wet, got bumpy. I was able to make some putts. Salvaged some poor shots. The golf course is right in front of you. If you play good and hit quality golf shots, you're going to have chances. If you don't you're going to penalize yourself. It's a lot of fun to play.

**Q. You seem to really know the way around this golf course, especially the last two rounds you played on it. What is it about this course you like so much?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** I'm comfortable on it, I enjoy the challenge it represents, I enjoy the greens. A lot of guys aren't over (inaudible) on those, so that puts me kind of a step ahead of everybody else. And then I'm playing pretty well right now. It's been coming. I had it in Hawaii and the results weren't there, just wasn't happening. I knew something good was coming. It's here now. I'm starting to get the most out of my game and I love playing this golf course. The weekend should be fun. Kind of right where I want to be, and get to play with Justin tomorrow and kind of see what we have to do to try to get some distance between us and the rest of the field.

**Q. You kind of talked in Hawaii about struggling a little bit with the putter, not making the putts. Is there anything you changed coming here?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** No, just the comfort level being on these greens knowing that it's going to be a little different than what was in Hawaii. I'm hitting good putts. I realize some are going to bump in, some are going to bump out. But made a lot of putts today, probably the most putts I made in a round in a long time. So it was a lot of fun seeing the ball go in.

**Q. You've gotten to see a little of everything in your victories, whether you've seen dramatic, you know, sudden death, wind. So with that in mind, are you expecting some other random happening to happen over this weekend?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** There is nothing more than I would love to walk up 18 with a three-shot lead and realize this thing's pretty much over. I've had to stress out on this golf course an awful lot throughout the course of my career, but, you never know what's going to happen here. The one thing that this course always does, it seems to kind of lead to a pretty packed leaderboard come Sunday afternoon just because the golf course is so tough, and it's so hard to make birdies and separate yourself from the field. I think more of the same's going to be happening here on Sunday. There's going to be a lot of guys with a chance to win on Sunday afternoon; who does the best job of understanding the process and getting it done.

**Q. Is there anything you've learned about being with Justin this entire time that's going to give you the ability to get it done?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** No, Justin and I are good friends, we play a ton of golf together. I realize what kind of world-class player he is and I've got my work cut out for me to make sure I can try to take him down, but we have a lot of golf before we have to worry about that.