

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: BRANDT SNEDEKER
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AMANDA HERRINGTON: We would like to welcome two-time Farmers Insurance Open winner Brandt Snedeker. Brandt, both of your previous wins, I think it's more than six or more shots that you've come back. How's it feel right now to head into the final round in this spot?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I definitely like my odds better than the last two times I won at this place, that's for sure. So in the right frame of mind, exactly where I kind of want to be in the last group here. This is obviously a tough golf course. There's a lot of guys within a couple shots of the lead so it doesn't really mean a whole lot, but this place for whatever reason seems to bring out my best and I am excited about the challenge tomorrow will present because I played great today. I had a lot of fun out there and I look forward to trying to duplicate how I played today tomorrow.

Q. You talked all week about your love of poa and your patience. I've got to think it was tested pretty high today, would you say?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, it was tested a lot. That's part of if you're going to love poa, you have to love days like this, too, where you hit a lot of great putts and they just don't want to go in for whatever reason and all you can do is keep rolling it good. Besides the putt on 18, I felt like I rolled every one of them kind of where I wanted to, they just didn't want to go in today and that's part of it. You're going to have that here. The thing I was proud of was I didn't let it affect my game plan, didn't let it affect the way I thought out there or did anything like that, where this golf course does a great job of trying to make you do that, so proud of the way I hung in there.

Q. Was that par on 11 your only real danger of bogey today?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, it was.

Q. How long was that putt, about eight?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: About eight feet, yeah. I made a bogey, sorry. I made a bogey on the next hole, on 12. I mean, that's a par, I made a par there, I didn't double it. That's a par 5.

Q. Brandt, as someone who's been a great putter since birth, do you feel you have a bigger advantage on pristine greens or less-than-great greens?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I love poa annua so I think I have an advantage on poa annua because, for whatever reason, I've always puttied really well out here. I have a patience

level to be able to do it. I've always putted really well on bent. For whatever reason I've struggled on bermuda a little bit. I have a tough time reading grain even though I grew up on bermuda greens, too those have kind of been my weak links, I guess. I struggled in Hawaii this year. I seem to struggle there every year putting for whatever reason. But I think poa is my favorite surface to be on. To love poa, you've got to love days like today where you hit good putts and they don't go in and that's just part of it.

Q. Can you quantify how much more confident you are in a place that you're comfortable and you love like here as opposed to another place that you're not so comfortable?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: It's hard to quantify, but I definitely think there's certain golf courses that you show up and your attitude, the way you go about things, your confidence level kind of wills you to have a good week and other weeks when your attitude's not great and your confidence's level's not there you can have bad weeks. So it's hard to quantify.

There's golf courses that I love and I play terrible on, there's golf courses I don't like and I play great on, and then there's places like this that I love and I play great on. It's funny how it works out. I certainly didn't see myself -- I felt a little bit off in the beginning of the week so I didn't know how it was going to come together and my putter kind of saved me the first two days and today felt great. So I think the attitude and the comfort level I have on this place kind of got me to this point now and so hopefully tomorrow I can kind of build on today and really take it for what it is.

Q. Brandt, you're obviously comfortable here, confident here, you've won twice. You're playing tomorrow, you're tied with somebody who has only played here for the second time, he's never won, never led after a round. How much of an advantage, if any, do you feel you have in this kind of situation that you've been through so many times?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I think the only advantage is I'll sleep a lot better than he does tonight. I think tomorrow morning will be a lot different. Tomorrow morning, the advantage kind of goes away, whatever advantage that is. I'll pull on -- the thing that I will use tomorrow, I'll pull on past experiences here a lot. I've played this golf course a ton with these exact same pin positions so I know where you've got to put it all day long, where you can't miss it and my game plan will do that accordingly. He doesn't have that vast experience in knowing that. But when you're playing great, it doesn't really matter. I think when I beat Kyle here, it was Kyle's first or second year on tour, he didn't play here before either and he played fantastic. Maybe tonight, but tomorrow morning it's not going to mean a whole lot.

Q. When you play tomorrow, is there something particular that you're super excited about, a particular hole that you like especially more than other holes here at Torrey Pines?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: No, I think there's just -- I'll feel a lot better once I get by the first hole tomorrow. The first hole seems to always bring out either great stuff or kind of dictates how your day goes around here because it's such a tough opening hole. If you drive it great, you can make a birdie on that hole. If you drive it poorly, it's going to be a struggle. So get past that opening tee shot, kind of get the nerves and butterflies past you and then get ready to go. No, there's so many great holes here that I look on and I love. If they'd just change the par on No. 12 I think I'd be a happy man. Besides that, everything else is great.

Q. Brandt, your thoughts if you win tomorrow, you'll be joining company of Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson to have won this tournament three or more times and that's pretty elite company.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, anytime you put your name on a list next to those guys, you're doing okay. It'll probably enter my head at some point tomorrow, but to do that I've got a lot of golf to play. This golf course is ready to take a bite out of you if you're not paying attention. But no, I definitely look at guys like Mark O'Meara who seems to win all the time at Pebble Beach. When you see that, you see guys having a great track record somewhere for whatever reason. I think Johnny Miller was the same was at Pebble Beach, too. You've got Tiger here and Phil here and I'm approaching that kind of comfort level here, so I'm going to pull on that, use that, use whatever advantage I can get because Patrick's going to be hitting it 40 yards by me all day tomorrow, so do whatever I can.

Q. I don't know if you noticed that Stewart Cink is up there and I'm sure you're aware of what he's been going through?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah.

Q. Sort of a miracle he can even play at times with what's going on. Just wonder if you're aware of the situation, what the other guys think of him trying to keep doing this.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, I saw Lisa at Sony. I hadn't seen her in a long time so it was great to see here. My wife prays with my kids every night about Lisa. It's a close family out here, we're all kind of part of the same group. We understand that guys have stuff off the golf course that's really serious and she's been through a ton. To see her at Sony was awesome and to see Stewart's attitude and demeanor through the whole process and to see what kind of guy he is has been unbelievable. It kind of makes us all want to be better guys to see his attitude and the way he's handled everything, and to see him playing better and better now is hopefully a reflection of how Lisa's feeling, that she's doing better. I don't think any guy out here is not rooting for Stewart. We all want to see him do well and hopefully see Lisa hug him on the 18th green when he wins again. That would be a special moment.