

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU (-7)

Q. Here with Bryson. You began this week 4 over par, since then you've been 11 under. What was the big change there?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, it's just been a little bit of the driver getting better I would have to say, and then my irons have gotten substantially better over the course of time, and I've been making a lot of putts, so that's nice.

Q. Second in the field in strokes gained putting so far this week, but you've had two top-3s in your last three finishes. What is it going to take for you tomorrow?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Well, it depends on what the other guys do. Obviously I don't know what they're going to finish at, but hopefully within reach. You're just going to have to go after it tomorrow, hit a lot of greens, make some putts and see where you are coming around 15, and if you have to go for it and make eagle, try and make eagle, just go for it. That Green Mile's not easy, so strap on, that's for sure.

Q. Bryson, off to a great start, made a couple birdies to start the round, 5 under, you're 7 under heading into the weekend and you played yourself right up the leaderboard the last couple days?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, absolutely. Played great golf. Unfortunately, the first day driver wasn't working. We changed the shaft, backup shaft. Just felt like I've been using it for too long, and fortunately after that change I've been great after that. Putted pretty well this week so far, and hopefully can do it tomorrow and hopefully close out the deal.

Q. Speaking of putting, I think you were 69th after the first round, you are now first in strokes gained putting. What's been the difference?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Just keep going. Honestly, I'm doing the same thing. Just over time I think I see slopes better, get more accustomed to it. As the time goes on, you just get more comfortable, I guess. Especially when you see a couple go in, it's just accumulative thing.

Q. When you get out here and see some of these numbers that these guys are shooting in the morning, did that scare you, did it excite you when you got out here?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: It didn't really do much, I just knew what I had to do honestly. For me, I try to take it at face value and go, okay, they're shooting that so I've got to do something like that. It's not going to excite me, it's not going to anger me, it's not going to do

anything other than make me try and focus a little bit more and execute the best shots I possibly can, which I was able to do today.

Q. Bryson, assess your round.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: 66. I mean, I can't complain too much. Obviously got off to a pretty darn good start. Spun it off the green on 3, really thought I was going to have another birdie opportunity there.

Struggled a little bit with the irons. I'm not 100 on with my irons right now. My driving's getting better, more comfortable with that. Wedging is a little skeptical right now, but I'll work on that, I'm sure it will be fine tomorrow. My putting has been great this week. I'm just seeing lines, executing putts on my line with the proper speed and they're going in. I can't complain too much. It's going to be a fun day tomorrow. I'm right there next to the lead and hopefully I can get it done.

Q. Did something click after Thursday with yesterday's round and today's round?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Well, a new driver -- well, backup driver. For whatever reason, the shaft I've been using for over a year was just starting to not flex the same way. I hit it so many darn times. And then the driver head was getting a little soft as well. I was like all right, let's just try the backup driver, and fortunately we had it here and I came in after the round and started hitting shots and was like, okay, this is a lot more comfortable.

Ever since then, it's been the same type of play since RBC Heritage, since Arnold Palmer. I've been playing great. And honestly, it's great to be able to shoot a high number the first day and then come back after that and shoot a deep one, the low round of the day and get myself back in contention. I haven't done that before, so I'm getting more comfortable in these different unique situations that are allowing me to play some amazing golf consistently.