

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**BRANDT SNEDEKER**



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**JOHN BUSH:** We would like to welcome Brandt Snedeker into the interview room. He's making his 11th start at the Wyndham Championship and the first of his eight PGA TOUR victories came here in 2007. Brandt, I know this tournament means an awful lot to you, if we can get some comments on being back.

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, it's great to be back. Greensboro's kind of always had a special place in my heart because obviously my first Tour win, but Steve Holmes and everybody at Wyndham have been like family to me for so many years. So I'm excited to be back here representing them and representing the tournament. It just seems like every year it just keeps getting a little bit better and a little bit better. They do great things on and off the golf course here, so it's a fun week. It's a great way to kind of round out the regular season and get ready for the Playoffs and make that final push that we're all here trying to do. We're all trying to get up the FedExCup points list, everybody's got their sights set on Atlanta at some point. So this is a great week to kind of boost your rankings and get back in the mix of things for a possible run at the FedExCup trophy.

**JOHN BUSH:** Speaking of that, you come into the week No. 80 in the FedExCup standings. Talk a little bit about the state of your game. Several top-10 finishes over the last six or seven starts.

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, I'm playing a lot better than I have been early in the year. I'm excited about the way I'm rolling the ball, putting great again. For whatever reason, seems like every week I have a bad round or a bad nine holes that kind of keeps me out of contention. So a big focus this week is staying patient. This is a golf course I had a lot of success on, I love it. It breeds kind of my kind of play hit, hit fairways, hit some greens, lots of wedge opportunities. It's going to turn into a birdie-fest like it always does because the course is in great shape so you know what you have to do when you step up on the first tee, put the ball in play and give yourself a lot of opportunities. So excited about that and excited about seeing how my game's feeling. After last week at the PGA I kind of found something I thought on the weekend and hopefully it kind of stays in there and gives me a good chance to win this week.

**Q. You mentioned your first win at Forest Oaks. What's it like on the green, you just won your first one, people hand a lot of money, the place is rocking, big trophy and everything. What's it like to win that first one?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** It's a surreal experience. You know, you grow up watching guys on Tour, guys you play -- or love watching, winning. When you come on Tour and you're a rookie, you're kind of wide-eyed your first year seeing guys you grew up idolizing and

playing against them and trying to beat them, and when you finally do do that and win a golf tournament, such a surreal experience because it's a culmination of so much hard work. Erased a lot of doubt in your mind if you're good enough or not good enough to be out here and win.

And then it takes -- definitely takes some time to really understand what just happened. I remember playing the next week, we went to Westchester for the first Playoff event after here and I still didn't know, like was kind of in a fog, didn't really understand what just happened and how my life had changed for the better. So it's a great experience and it's a great -- I'm so lucky to have won my first tournament at the Wyndham because what a great group of people to be involved with for the rest of your life, what a great organization with Bobby Long and Mark Brazil, the tournament director, and everybody, what they've been able to do here. To be associated with my first Tour win is something I'm very, very proud of.

**Q. Brandt, with the Playoffs coming up beginning next week, you've got a potential four- or five-week stretch here. How do you prepare for that mentally and physically as the season wraps up?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, you know, I've had this every year. It's a busy part of the year for me late in the year every year it seems like. I've kind of worked my schedule around that, take some time off in the middle of the year, really smart about how I spend my Mondays and Tuesdays these weeks when there's a lot of golf, especially when you get hot, humid conditions like we had last week at the PGA and this time of year every year it seems like. So you have to be really smart about how you take care of your body, how you take care of your practice schedule and stuff. Luckily, I've done this for quite a few years now, kind of know what I'm getting into this late in the year. The year I won the FedExCup in 2012, I played 12 out of 13 weeks to end the year. So I know I can play good golf doing it, so it's just a matter of getting my head around it and doing it.

**Q. You said you found something at the PGA?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Ball-striking wise, it's not where I wanted it to be. Just kind of on the weekend I tried something, kind of tried to simplify it really. Kind of paralysis by analysis here lately for me. So try to simplify and get back to basics and felt like I kind of found something there for a few days and was able to put the ball where I wanted to and make some putts, and all of a sudden everything starts feeling a little bit better. So excited about that this week because the greens are so good.

**Q. Up until now, how would you describe this season, encouraging or inconsistent or frustrating or --**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Frustrating, yeah, yeah. It's not -- I'm not happy being 80th on the FedExCup point list, I'm not happy not having a win. I set the standard pretty high for myself because I know what I'm capable of and done it before and I felt like I worked really hard at

it, just haven't had the results that I wanted and those are always frustrating when you feel like you're putting time in.

But golf doesn't owe us anything, so you've got to keep your head on straight and make sure you're still doing the right stuff and it'll eventually turn around. Have faith in what you're doing and believe in yourself and every other cliché you can think of, but when you're not getting the results you want, it's tough, it wears on you and you've got to be really strong to overcome that and just know that it's going to happen, you just don't know when, where, how. And so, you know, the only way to come out when you're not playing the way you want to is to work harder, that's it. Can't blame anybody else but yourself, got to figure it out.

**JOHN BUSH:** Anything else? Short and sweet, thanks a lot, Brandt.