

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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BRANDT SNEDEKER (-14)



Q. Brandt, the front nine, just nothing developing, and then where does it click on the back nine?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Two shots on 11 really got me going. I hit a good drive there, finally got in the fairway, which I had been struggling with on the front nine. Hit a great 8-iron in there about 10 feet, made the putt, and when I made that, I kind of relaxed a little bit, hit some good shots coming in the next few holes. Didn't make the putts, but finally on 15 had two great shots in there, I had a 30-footer for eagle and to see that thing go in was huge. Obviously got me back into the lead and felt like it got me some good momentum going for the rest of the weekend.

Q. When you looked at that putt at 15, did you say, I think I've got a bead on this one, because it appears you had that one dialed in as soon as it left the plate?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: That's the great thing about being a veteran out here and playing this golf course a lot, I've had that putt several times before, I knew exactly what it was doing. When you -- to pull that from years past and know that, okay, this putt does break left to right, it is really fast, if it starts on this line it should have a pretty good chance of going in, and halfway there I knew it wasn't missing. So those putts are fun. Again, on 17 or 16 I had the same putt I had before, kind of knew what it was doing and just telling myself it's slower than you think, just make sure you get it there, and it came off perfectly and went right in the middle, which was a bonus.

Q. Brandt, 3 under today, if we can get some comments on your round, please.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, you know, obviously struggled on the front nine. I knew it was going to be tough, it wasn't going to be the same way it was yesterday. Kind of battling the emotion of everybody pulling hard for you, wanting to see you do it again. So front nine was disappointing. I didn't really drive it well, didn't do anything particularly well on the front nine.

Pulled myself together on the back nine, made some good swings, made a few putts. To shoot 4 under on the back nine was nice. Got a few back and back in the lead, back in a good frame of mind going in the weekend. Hopefully, I can kind of use this as my bad nine holes today on Friday and play some really solid golf over the weekend.

Q. You touched on this, how much was making history yesterday on your mind as you teed off today?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, it's still there. You hear people telling you every two seconds "Mr. 59" or saying how cool it was to watch it. Phone's still blowing up this morning, guys in the locker room are still talking to me about it.

So yes, totally on your mind. You can't ignore it, you can't try to forget about it. Hardest thing is trying to get back into a rhythm. A lot's happened since I got done yesterday, so trying to figure out don't be going too fast, slow down a little bit, get back into your routine and into what you're trying to do. Took a little while to do that. Now I'm better equipped for the next time I shoot 59 and play the next day.

Q. How frustrating was it for you on the greens (inaudible)?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: It was just one of those things. You go in the afternoon, it's a little bit bumpier, they've grown a little bit. My speed was off today, leaving everything short the first 10 or 12 holes. When I finally convinced myself to hit a few putts, they started going in. So over 72 holes you're going to have stretches where balls don't go in the hole, you've got to be able to kind of overcome, be patient, wait for the long ones to fall, and luckily I made a couple coming down the stretch.