

BRIAN GAY (-11)

Q. One for the record book. It doesn't seem like 10 years have slipped by since you won here, but it absolutely has, the 10-year anniversary of 2008. Your game still looks strong. Tell me about today's round.

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, thank you. Yeah, it was a good day, great start. Started with five 3s in a row, 6 under through seven, and didn't have as many opportunities coming down the back there, some tougher holes and longer approaches, but no bogeys.

Q. Do you use that stretch of holes starting at maybe the fourth on that opening nine to kind of jet boost your round? There are certain scoring opportunities there.

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, for sure. You've got some short clubs in there on 3, 4, and then the short par 5, so made a nice eagle putt on 5.

Q. What is it about these greens that you seem to like? Seems like you putt well anywhere, but do you change your stroke? Is there anything about the paspalum surfaces that you particularly enjoy?

BRIAN GAY: They're really smooth, really smooth and true. A little bit on the slower side, which is fine. I grew up on slow bermuda, so I'm happy with bermuda and the paspalum.

Q. Tell me about your thoughts going into the weekend.

BRIAN GAY: Feeling good, off to a good start and hopefully two more good days.

Q. Brian, what's different from 10 years ago? Is everything different?

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, feels like 20.

Q. What's different in your life?

BRIAN GAY: Makinley is in college. They were running out on the green then. I don't know. Other than that, nothing's that different. I'm still out here, thank God. Still around, fighting, fighting these young guys.

Q. What's your most enduring, vivid memory from 10 years ago when you won here?

BRIAN GAY: Best memory? Probably just having my family here and the girls being here and being able to see it. It was my first win. I'll say that was probably the biggest memory

from it.

Q. Is there something to be said for horses for courses? Do you come here pretty much expecting to play well every year?

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, that's kind of a double-edged sword, though. The expectations get too high, then sometimes you try too hard. Felt like I was doing that a little bit yesterday, and I was able to come out this morning and kind of get it going, which is good. But I've got it going here a few times, so it's out there, I know I can shoot low scores here.

Q. It's a select group of winners here. I don't know if you've looked at the board, but you saw Patton Kizzire was up there, Pat Perez was up there?

BRIAN GAY: Yes.

Q. A lot of familiar names who have actually held that trophy. Did you kind of look at the board and smile?

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, I saw it a couple times, and a couple guys that I knew played good yesterday, and then this morning I saw Perez up there and I saw Patton played good yesterday. I didn't really look at the scores last night. But yeah, that happens at a lot of tournaments where guys just, they like it, it fits them well and they tend to play well at certain courses.

Q. Do you try and stay in the same room or eat at the same restaurants?

BRIAN GAY: No, we actually move around quite a bit. We're at the Rosewood, which is my wife's favorite hotel. We're there this year. We've stayed at all of them.

Q. No kids?

BRIAN GAY: My youngest is here and she brought a friend. My oldest, she's cheering at Florida, so she's busy.