

BILLY HORSCHTEL
BRANDT SNEDEKER (-14)

Q. I think I need to tune my voice here and say happy birthday to Brandt Snedeker and Billy Horschel. You guys played really well, modified alternate shot as a team. How did you pull it off?

BILLY HORSCHTEL: Yeah, we played good. We got off to a good start, made a long one on No. 2, and we had a lot of opportunities to make it an even better day, but the back side, just couldn't get anything going. I decided to finish it off missing that last three-footer. So we ham-and-egged it very well today.

Q. I know you're upset and it stings a little bit, that final hole, but I want to focus on former president George H.W. Bush. You had the opportunity to meet him at the Ryder Cup 2012 at Medinah. Tell me about the exchange that you saw. I was talking to you earlier on the range about this.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, it was such a cool moment. We had 41 and 43 there with Barbara. It's really cool to see them in their element, they're huge golf fans. They said a few words to us and tried to pep us up for Sunday, and it was really cool having them in the team room with us and go through that and see them interacting as a family. They call each other 41 and 43. Of course, George W. made some wisecracks and got the team laughing. We had a great time. It was really fun to kind of see that experience, share that experience with them.

It was a tough week with him passing away this week, and our condolences out here on Tour being that the Bush family's meant so much to the game of golf. It's their family and hopefully know that they brought us a lot of joy out here on Tour through the course of the year.

Q. You got yourself into position here. Like you mentioned, didn't finish off probably the way you wanted to or carry on the way you were going the first 10 holes there.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, alternate shot's tough. Just takes one bad swing at the wrong time. I put Billy in some tough spots today and he was able to kind of save me. He swung it great all day. A lot of quality iron shots. I really don't think we had a putt for par all day that really mattered outside of three or four feet. We probably had 15 good looks at birdie all day long. You do that, you'll have a good day. Luckily, we made a few. Left a few out there, but we got ourselves back in the tournament. Tomorrow a good round will do it for us, so mission accomplished for the day.

Q. Did you get each other birthday presents?

BILLY HORSCHEL: No, I'm not a birthday guy. He's 40, I'm 32.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: 38. Not quite 40 yet. I feel it, I look it, but not quite there.

BILLY HORSCHEL: I was trying to make sure I hit a lot of good golf shots so he could make putts. That was my birthday present to him.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: It was nice, he did a good job. That was a good birthday present.

Q. But you have a chance tomorrow. I mean, you're solid.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: We're right there. This tournament's won and lost tomorrow. Best ball on Sunday, you go out and shoot 10, 12 under par. Especially if it's going to be windy tomorrow like it's supposed to be, a good round tomorrow goes a long way. We got ourselves back in it after putting ourselves kind of behind the eight-ball yesterday, so mission accomplished.

Q. You two are some of the most animated going into this week playing together. How has that camaraderie helped you out here?

BILLY HORSCHEL: Yeah, I think it helps when you play with someone who obviously is -- I mean, emotional, but go, go, go, go, it helps each other out type deal. We understand when to get in each other's way, when to stay out of each other's way. Sneds and I have been friends for a while now and been around each other, so I know when I can say something, he knows when he can say something and that's it.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, nothing to really add to that except that we kind of -- I think there's a huge comfort level there, and when you have that in a team atmosphere, it's a big deal. That way you're never upset when you screw your partner over kind of in a sense, and you're never too high when things are going well. You know it's a long tournament. So tomorrow we'll have some more fun, enjoy the round. Hopefully it's windy as all get-out and makes it tough for everybody out there tomorrow.

Q. And in addition to them singing happy birthday on 18, on TV they had a message from the Tennessee Golf Association, the junior golf.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, the Sneds Tour back at home is something I've been really passionate about and sponsored for the last five years. Really cool. I'm not much of a birthday guy. I've got two young kids at home; they're probably more excited about celebrating my birthday than I am. As you get older, it's not as meaningful as it used to be, I should say. I think they're having some cake tonight, making some cupcakes, so they're loving the fact that dad's having a birthday.

Q. They're back in Nashville?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Back in Nashville, yeah.