

PRE-ROUND INTERVIEW
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BRETT FAVRE

MODERATOR: We're very happy to welcome Brett Favre to the media center and we're going to open it up for questions right away.

Q. Jack Nicklaus said he had never played with you, never met you.

BRETT FAVRE: Lucky him.

Q. Never met you. What's it like to play with someone like Jack Nicklaus?

BRETT FAVRE: The only way I can describe it is being a priest and serving mass with the Pope. It's got to be a thrill to do that.

I'm obviously not a golfer. I'm a Sunday golfer like most of us. This is an extreme honor. Looking forward to it. Not to the actual playing necessarily, but just -- I mean, I've had so many people at home, "You're playing with Jack Nicklaus?" I feel the same way. It's pretty cool, I think we all can agree.

Q. Brett, how is your game and did you prepare in any way for this today?

BRETT FAVRE: I've hit some balls, but I would say about three weeks of hitting balls, which is -- I think in that span you tend to get worse. Golf's a humbling game. My brother's back there, we played 18 holes the other day and we were laughing about it on the plane. Just when you think I'm kind of hitting it good, then you go out to the range the next day and you're hitting it all over the place.

I don't know what to expect. I played with Sean Payton in a pro-am probably two months ago. Started off the first six holes, I was 1 under and I don't know what I finished, you know, which tells you a lot. You keep score up to a point, then you go, I don't really care about the score. So that's my game.

Q. Brett, there was the Instagram post from last week. What happened there and can we get --

BRETT FAVRE: I got hacked, absolutely. Somebody obviously doesn't have a lot to do.

Yeah, the last thing I want to do is stir the pot. That's the last thing I want to do is come back and play. No offense, but it was fun then. I'm not coming back.

Q. Brett, you've been here before. Have you learned anything from the last few times

that you hope to use to your benefit out there on the course today?

BRETT FAVRE: Like what?

Q. Well, I don't know; course management, anything that you learned about University Ridge that you can use to win the competition? Or is that not really what drives you in this thing?

BRETT FAVRE: I would love to tell you it's nine holes, I would shoot 2 or 3 under, but a lot of things have to fall into place none which I'm good enough to control.

It's a great golf course. It's got to be the biggest event, I would think, of the Senior Tour. I mean, but no surprise. Wisconsin people show up. And the weather's always been great. Every year's been a blast and not so much from a golf standpoint, even though that's why we're here, it's just been a lot of fun. I don't expect it to be any different.

Q. Brett, given the recent passing on Bart Starr and your relationship with him, I'm wondering if you could share a story or two, your favorite stories about Bart?

BRETT FAVRE: Well, there's a lot, and it's been well documented about the letters that I received from Bart. You know, who goes out of their way to do something like that 30 to 40 years removed from playing?

But Bart's the type of guy that does that. Aaron and I, we both got up and spoke briefly at the private ceremony, which was a really good ceremony because the people got up and told funny stories about Bart.

So when it was my turn, I talked of course about the letters, but one in particular after the Super Bowl in which we won. Typical Bart: Congratulations, great win, way to bring, you know, the Packer trophy back, or the Lombardi trophy back to the Packers.

And I can't remember exactly how it was worded, but it was like, "But I do have a problem with the way you wore your hat in media day." I don't know if it may have been something like that, but it wasn't the way he wanted to see you wear a hat.

He was a perfectionist. What a gentleman. Just a class act. And when he spoke, you listened. But most of the things he always said were very thoughtful and supportive. But that's my funny story.

Q. Brett, obviously you still have a lot of fans here in Wisconsin. Do you feel that when you come back here and does that make doing things like this special for you at all?

BRETT FAVRE: Well, yeah. I say this, I'm a little bit biased because I've been here for so many years, not just this golf tournament but in Wisconsin. But you can point to the softball

game which we started years ago that we played in Appleton, sold out. I played in the Lombardi. This of course is a great event. I don't know if you can put any more people out here than you do, much like Lambeau Field, whether it be practice, family night scrimmage imagine or a playoff game.

It's just I was here a couple weeks ago for the Trek Ride and weather started off kind of shaky, but I think there was 2,500 to 3,000 riders. It's not surprising.

You know, this is a great event. The Trek Ride is a great event for a great cause. So, you know, coming back up here is like our second home, but there's nothing like it, there really isn't. People support a lot of things, a lot of great things up here and show out.

Q. Brett, I do have a quick football question. First time since Aaron's been a starter, he's got a new coach. You've been through that. Any advice for him, or what is that like for a veteran quarterback to go through that?

BRETT FAVRE: Well, you know, it's funny, we were talking not too long ago, in fact at Bart's when we were done with the funeral and we were eating some snacks and stuff over at Jerry's house. Aaron said, "You know, I kind of know what you feel like now," because he's at that point where when he came in many years ago, you know, I was 35, 36, whatever it was, so he's like, "I kind of look around and everybody's gone." And that's what happens when you play that long.

Now he's getting a little bit of the coaching change. I had several coaching changes through that span, but Aaron will be fine. I think that's the thing is he needs to remain the same. And I don't have to give him any advice. You know, he'll handle it well.

The question is, how will they handle it with him, and obviously that's very important. I mean, there's more to the team than Aaron, but we all have to admit that when he's playing and playing well, which generally when he's playing, he is playing well, you don't want to change what's working. There's other factors that you have to work on.

So I think you let him play his game and not disturb that very much, and it's going to be interesting to see if that happens.

MODERATOR: Thanks, everyone.