

BRANDT SNEDEKER (-12)

Q. Brandt, I don't know what part of your game was the best today. What are you most satisfied with?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Two things. I drove the ball really, really well today around here, which gave me the opportunity to take advantage of what I also did well; my putting and wedge play was really good today. So those two things really gave me a chance to shoot slow, which you have to do around here. If you don't put the ball in the fairway, you can't attack these short holes unless you have wedges in your hand, so I did a great job of both.

Q. I thought your patience was impeccable, too. A quality shot at 14, you end up with an almost impossible pitch and an incredible up-and-down, And 15 as well.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, you know, you're going to get those kind of breaks. The last two days I've done a really poor job of that. I've forced the issue, I've gotten upset, I didn't take what the course gave me and tried to push too hard. Because you know around this golf course you've got to make birdies, and if you're not doing that, you feel like you're falling behind. I told myself even though I (inaudible) a number, be patient, let the round come to you, don't try to force anything.

I was fortunate enough to get a chip-in on the front nine, which was my back nine, after a good shot didn't turn out. Just goes to show you the hardest thing in golf is staying patient. Hopefully, I can do it again tomorrow.

Q. Paul Stankowski was admiring your blue glove. What is that all about?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Just changing it up a little bit. I've been with G Fore now wearing the glove and shoes the last year and a half. Great people, a lot of fun to be with, and just changed it up. I guess when you hit the ball as poorly as I do sometimes, you'll try anything, it might help a little bit.

Q. That's the other thing, I thought your iron play was impeccable today, too.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, it was good. I've been working on stuff with T.A., my coach, for a while and it just really started to click last week. I felt like I played really good. Unfortunately, last week I didn't putt very good and this week it's close to being where I want it, so I'm excited about what tomorrow holds.

Q. We are, too. We're excited to see you finish the day going into tomorrow.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, the most important thing is you're going to be following me again, right? PGA TOUR Live will be out there following me, because it seems like every time you show up, I shoot a low one.

Q. This is not the best I've ever seen you play.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Exactly, so we're ready. Hopefully I'm within four or five. If I can stay within shouting distance, go out tomorrow, get a really good front nine, you never know what might happen.

Q. You and Donald Ross, that's a good combination.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I seem to like it. That's the whole reason why I showed this week. When I saw the golf course we were playing and what Quicken Loans is doing, Rocket Mortgage is doing for the City of Detroit, I knew I wanted to be up here.

Q. Brandt, 65 today, great playing. Statistically in the fairway a lot more today. Was that the trick?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: It is, around here especially. If you're not in the fairway here, you can't attack. Around this golf course, as you can see by this leaderboard, you've got to attack.

So I did a great job of putting the ball in the fairway off the tee, and from there I could be aggressive. Had a lot of wedges in my hand, hit some great short irons and then obviously played to my strength. I'm a good putter, I love poa annua greens. We had perfect greens this morning. Made a lot of putts, which you've got to do around here. So I'm excited about hoping to build on that for tomorrow and kind of making sure I have the same M.O. tomorrow.

Q. You had a couple of bonuses with the chip-in. The chip-in on 15, that was a great tee shot. That must have looked great in the air to you, but the eagle chip in on 7?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, they both kind of came off -- you're going to get fortunate. I haven't chipped in in a couple weeks. Been close. I feel like it's a strength of my game is kind of taking advantage of those chips I can make. The one on 7 was (inaudible) makeable, but it came off perfect. Kind of got lucky, it hit the pin going in.

The one on 14 or 15 was a perfect tee shot. Got unlucky, spun off the green and I had a really easy chip shot. So it's one of those ones you're kind of licking your lips on thinking this should go in or have a chance to go in. Fortunately, it did. Got to take advantage of good breaks when you can get them.

Q. You're in a great spot right now. You'll have some time to relax and rest. Any hole locations, or if these greens firm up at all as we anticipate in the afternoon that there

might be some orange flags for the guys out there be?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: You know, I felt 18 was (inaudible) on the front edge. It's a tricky little pin because if you get behind the hole, it's a hard putt. If you get to the right of that hole, you bring the hazard in play.

So I think later this afternoon it will be interesting to see how that one plays. They had a few tough ones there in the middle of the back nine where you had to be patient. You just couldn't force the issue like you want to sometimes. They're doing a good job of kind of making sure that they're not going to let you go too crazy. I got about as much as I could out of the round today, didn't take advantage of every tee shot in the fairway. But it will be fun this afternoon. I'd love to see that ball bounce a little bit.

Q. And before we let you go, congratulations on the College World Series. Did you get a chance to watch any of the game Wednesday?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Watched the whole thing. It was fun to see those guys. So proud and happy for them, for Tim Corbin, for our baseball program, for our university because they've been through a lot, those seniors. To see them get it done there was really special. It's always fun when your school's in the championship game like that, even more fun when they come through with a win. We had a lot of group texts going on with a bunch of guys, it was a lot of fun. So congratulations to Tim Corbin. We're lucky to have him.