

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU (-14)

Q. You got that figured out?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, sort of. I think there's a lot of shots that I hit today I missed it in the right place. Then I executed lot of great shots beautifully and was able to make -- convert some putts when I needed to. I made a lot of 20-footers out there today, too. That's how you shoot 9 under. So pretty pleased with the day, for sure.

Q. We talked to you at Memorial, you had just come off a few missed cuts, you were trying to figure it out. You made a couple cuts in a row, and then at Travelers you shoot a 64 on Sunday. What was it in your game that was missing?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: That's secret stuff, man. I'm not talking to you about that.

Q. And even if you told us, I'm not sure we'd understand it.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: You may, you may. But certainly some swing stuff that's allowed me to be more confident off the tee and it's showing this week, for sure. And making a couple more putts. Once I started driving it well, I started playing well.

Q. Your equation when you come to a new venue like this, what are you trying to figure out? Conditions, obviously humidity, all that sort of stuff, What's your most important to try and figure out?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: I would say the most important thing for me is the golf swing, first and foremost. All the other little stuff, when we talk about air, when we're talking about the wetness of the ground, that all affects how I'm playing, but ultimately it's about how I'm swinging the golf club for me. But all those little things help me be more precise. As you could see today, I was close, so I was happy.

Q. Bryson, well played out there. You looked like you were pretty much in a zone all day. Had to feel pretty good?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Absolutely. You know, whenever I can roll a couple putts in from 20 feet or more, that gives you a lot of confidence for the game. And when you're striking it well and driving it where you're looking, that's obviously very positive. I know it's cliché to say that, but it's just what it is unfortunately. Kind of get into a rhythm a little bit, the zone, and it just feels good sometimes.

Q. What is it about this golf course that you like?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Well, shoot, when I got onto it, I was like man, I thought like 15 or 14 was going to be the number by the week, but got to reevaluate now.

For me, honestly, I take advantage of the par 3s pretty well, I have. And also I think the par 5s, did a little bit better job today. I shot 5 under yesterday without birdieing a par 5, so shows I could have gone deeper yesterday, too. So just playing the par 3s as well as I am and making a couple birdies on the par 5s, you know, you can shoot deep out here.

Q. We're kind of coming up on crunch time, just five weeks left until we get to the Playoffs. Of course Presidents Cup later this year. Do you find yourself having to focus a lot more right now?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: A little bit. I mean, it's always just about focusing on the game. If I can keep executing and doing the things I can do, it's eventually going to show up. Right now I'm playing well in warm conditions and hopefully I can keep that trend.

Q. Over 137 feet of putts today, that's pretty impressive.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: I'll take it. Hopefully I can keep that up this weekend.

Q. Follows a 66 with a 62 today, your career low round on the PGA TOUR. What did you elevate today compared to yesterday?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Well, I made a couple more putts outside of 20 feet and I definitely converted on the par 5s. Shot I think 2 under, 3 -- I don't know. It was better than what it was yesterday. Certainly wedging is a lot better, up-and-downs are awesome. When you do that well, you're going to be shooting a low number, so pretty proud about that.

Q. You made over 137 feet of putts. I love talking science and swing with you. What have you be working on specifically with your putting to have that great number today?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: The thing that's kind of changed that, I'm not really going to tell, it's a little secret. But it's definitely been through a lot of practice trial and error and a lot of struggle, too.

People don't realize that, you know, I won a lot last year and obviously struggled a little bit, but they don't realize that that struggle is what's always going to make me better.

That's what I appreciate about myself and appreciate about my family and about my dad, because he told me never give up and always those low points are going to make you better. So I really have to thank my family for that and it's made me be a better person down the road, too. So just the learning process, and I keep learning every single day.

Q. Share the secret for me. Given your position where you are in this tournament now, what is your main focus heading into the weekend?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: My main focus is driving it as well as I have. I mean, if I can keep doing that, the putts are going to drop. Some are going to miss. I'm just going to -- it is what it is. You're not going to be perfect, but if I can keep driving it well just like I have been, and become more and more confident, that's the Bryson we saw last year.

Q. Bryson, career low 9-under 62 today. Did you feel a round like that coming on?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Certainly not 9, but, you know, it's obviously nice when you can make some putts that you weren't thinking you were going to make and get you to a place that you haven't been before.

Coming in the last hole, hit a good drive and just got in the first cut and didn't really know how I was going to come out. That was really the only time I was kind of nervous today because I didn't know if I could catch a flyer and fly it in the back bunker or catch one where it would spin a little bit more and end up in the water. Luckily, I hit it just hard enough to keep it from going in the water, but it definitely spun more.

So I think that was the only time I was nervous today and everything else felt like just pure rhythm and a very smooth day out there. Making a lot of putts, hitting a lot of great shots, executing my drives exactly where I needed to. Like on two, beautiful drive and something I hope to keep up this weekend.

Q. Where does that feeling kind of come from? Does that come from the way you kind of started the round?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: It comes from deep inside my heart. No, I'm just kidding. It comes through a lot of training, a lot of practice. You get to a place in your golf swing where you feel like you can do anything with it and it's still going to go straight. That's what we're all striving for out here, and today I did it better than when I have in the past.

Q. A lot of people didn't know what to expect from this course and I overheard you say that you thought maybe coming into this 14 under was going to win.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, exactly. You don't know, everybody's good out here. Shoot, Piercy shooting 9 under yesterday just kind of opened the floodgates a little bit, just going, okay, we can do it out here. Certainly me doing that today inspires me to even do better over the weekend. I know I can do it. I know I still left a couple out there, lipped out a couple short putts. Although I made a lot of putts, I'm not going to take that for granted. As long as I can -- again, last year, like I said, when I was winning events, as long as I can keep hitting fairways and hitting greens and making a couple putts, that's the name of the game.

Q. You don't usually get two calm days out here. Does this place need wind to

defend itself?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: For sure, I think that there's a lot of water and a lot of tedious tee shots out here and that's a pretty good defense. The pins were tucked a couple times today and people are going to make mistakes. You know, what I did today was kind of an anomaly and hopefully I can keep that anomaly going.

Q. You were one of the first to commit. At what point did you start looking at this course to prepare for it?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: You know, it's funny, I had heard a little bit about it. Obviously the Champions Tour played here and I've seen it before on TV. Didn't really plan too much until I got here on Tuesday, to be honest. I can never try and plan for a golf course until I get out there and see it. So we were able to play nine holes, nine holes, and then go out and shoot what I shot for 36 holes is pretty cool.

Q. I know you're more focused on process than actual results, how (inaudible) is it to get a win?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Oh, it would be massive. I always want to get back to the TOC, you know? The Sentry Tournament of Champions, that's something that I strive for every single year. I think that I can win at least once a year or more. My game is good enough to, it's just about if things fit in and I get a little bit of luck here and there. That's what everybody needs to win. I've got it so far and hopefully I can keep it going and keep contending, keep getting myself on the top of the leaderboard and eventually one will happen.

Q. Do you think nine or 18 will be a bigger factor in the end on the weekend?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: What do you mean?

Q. Like which hole plays more -- do you have to think more?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: They're very difficult holes. Look, if you hit in the fairway on 18, it's a pretty simple hole. If you hit it in the rough, it's a tough layup and you've got to wedge it close to try to make birdie. You're giving up a shot.

No. 9, it's also a very difficult hole. You've got to hit a good drive. If the pin's over there on the right on nine again, you're going to have to think about it. It's a very difficult hole. Just make sure you're in the fairway, so they're both difficult.

Q. What did you think about just the galleries the first couple days?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Galleries? Yeah, the crowd, fantastic. Love the people here. The reason why I came here, obviously because the crowd, 3M. The Innovation Center, got to go see that, that was pretty cool.

Going back to the crowd, they've just been super supportive all week for me, and very pleased to see that. And I would love to come back and have the same thing happen. They've been great.