

**PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW**  
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**BRENDON TODD**

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**JOHN BUSH:** We would like to welcome Brendon Todd into the interview room, our FedExCup leader after winning his last two starts, Bermuda Championship and the Mayakoba Golf Classic.

Brendon, congratulations on just a great stretch. If we can get some comments, please.

**BRENDON TODD:** Thanks a lot. Yeah, obviously my game's really turned around this year as I was able to qualify for the Korn Ferry Finals and finish second in Columbus, got my card back and then four missed cuts to start the fall season. So right back in the struggle that I've known out here a little bit, and it was nice to get some good form going at Houston and then carry it into Bermuda and Mexico.

**JOHN BUSH:** If you've won two straight, you might as well make it three in a row. Talk a little bit about being here at the RSM Classic this week.

**BRENDON TODD:** Yeah, obviously a special event for us Georgia guys. We came down here and played SECs every year when we were in college and a lot of the guys moved down here, so I think we're all excited to be back here at Sea Island.

I've played pretty solid here in years past and very familiar with the golf courses, so just looking forward to a great week and obviously bringing in some good form, so we'll try to make it three in a row.

**JOHN BUSH:** And before questions, just talk a little bit about after the start that you did have and then winning two in a row, how does that change your goals for the year?

**BRENDON TODD:** Well, it does change them a lot because I think beginning of the year, whenever you're in that Korn Ferry category and you're just on limited starts, you're just trying to put yourself in position to retain your card and get full access to the tour the next year. Obviously that's been accomplished now and I've got about four years' exemption out here, so and now that I'm leading the FedExCup, I feel like I'm in a great place to make Atlanta and the TOUR Championship and try and win the FedEx title.

**Q. I know how much this event means to you. Well, kind of two questions. First, your thoughts on the Plantation course, I don't know if you've had a chance to see it?**

**BRENDON TODD:** No, I haven't seen it yet. I'm going to go play it today in the pro-am.

**Q. Okay, then forget that question. After winning the last two weeks, I know this is an**

**important event to you, did you consider taking it off or was that never an option?**

**BRENDON TODD:** I never even thought about it. My family was planning on coming down, we already had a house rented. I'm not going to miss an event in Georgia. Just happy to be here, support the event, support the community and play a place that sets up well for me, because from here on out I'll be picking golf courses and tournaments that I think set up well for my game and tournaments that have been good to me in the past.

**Q. Has it sunk in yet? Is it continuing to sink in?**

**BRENDON TODD:** I think it's continuing to sink in. I mean, back to back is a pretty special accomplishment out here and something that I think I'll always look at as a big achievement. You know, but for me, I'm sort of a process oriented guy and no matter if I was playing the best golf of my life or the worst golf of my life, I've always kind of looked at let's go out the next day and try and become a little better. So that's where I am right now and I'm going to go out there today and put in my work and try and get ready for this tournament.

**Q. The last person to go back to back to back was Tiger, and your name has popped up as far as could Tiger consider you for a captain's pick if he needs to make another.**

**BRENDON TODD:** Right.

**Q. How does it feel to be associated with Tiger Woods in anything, and have you given more thought to being possibly a replacement for Brooks if he has to make it?**

**BRENDON TODD:** Yeah, I mean, Tiger's the best ever and somebody I've always looked up to as a player. Just to be mentioned with his name is really special to me.

Obviously I think we all hope Brooks can play because he's one of the best players in the world and he would help the USA team win, but if he can't go, I would be honored and humbled to join the team, and I think I would be a good addition as I'm playing really well and I'm sort of a team guy. So I would love the opportunity, but we'll see what happens.

**Q. I apologize to be the one to ask this, I'm sure you're asked a thousand times, how did you beat the swing yips?**

**BRENDON TODD:** Like I said, I literally just I went out every day just trying to be good. I've battled them before. In 2010 I pretty much hit my driver 50 yards right for a year and fought my way out of it, so essentially I had been through it.

This one took a little bit longer, but I'm now the player that I always knew I could be. I've won at every level. I was a three-time Junior All-American for the AJGA, I was a four-time college All-American, I had won twice on the Korn Ferry Tour, Q-School, I won the Byron Nelson. So there was no reason to ever believe I wasn't going to become a multiple-time winner out here on the PGA TOUR, it was just a matter of figuring it out. Sometimes the

game just throws challenges at you and you've just got to work your way through it.

**Q. Was it easier -- this might sound stupid, but was it easier to get through your latest stretch because you had already gotten through a stretch like that before hand?**

**BRENDON TODD:** It didn't actually make it easier. It just provided some of the belief I needed to get through it because this one was unique in that it kind of lasted longer.

But I think the difference is that the last time I got through it and then got status on the Korn Ferry Tour and got to work my way through it out there. So that tour proved to be easier, to then go finish top 75 on that tour was easier for me with those starts than it was to play out of the past champion category on the PGA TOUR and only get 10 starts and try and finish in the top 200. They're probably similar levels of golf to finish top 200 out here in 10 starts and top 75 in maybe 12 starts on the Korn Ferry. It just took me three years to do it out here. What people don't realize is that that's actually hard to do, is play 10 times, you don't know when you're getting in, half of them are opposite field and finish top 200 on the Money List is actually difficult to do.

**Q. Brendon, along those lines, just getting those starts, what did you do -- can you talk about some of the letters you maybe wrote or you said you're going to go back to some places that were good to you. Can you give us a story about a tournament that kind of came through for you and what that meant?**

**BRENDON TODD:** Yeah, definitely. Yeah, I probably wrote 10 to 15 sponsor exceptions every year in '17, '18 and '19. I believe AT&T Pebble Beach game me one in 2017, so they've been a tournament that's been good to me, but I've also had two top-10s there. That's one of the few tournaments on tour I have two top-10s. So definitely a place that's special to me, I'll probably go back for many years to come.

And then the Wells Fargo Championship this year extended me a sponsor exemption actually for the second time in my career because I believe they gave me one in 2009 as well. So another tournament, not the town I grew up in, but that's the town my parties live in, Charlotte, North Carolina. So Wells Fargo, Quail Hollow, John Harris, all those guys have been super great to me and that's a place that I'll just never skip.

**Q. Just how much fun is it to be in this position now and maybe change your approach, think about winning more tournaments and maybe raise your sights and think about some of the majors and different tournaments like that, how much fun is that to be in that position now?**

**BRENDON TODD:** Yeah, it's a blast. It's definitely what we all dream of as kids is to get out here on the PGA TOUR and contend for tournaments. I do have a lot of experience to draw on. I have played in the final group of a major on the weekend so I know what that feels like. I've now won three times on the PGA TOUR and I feel like my game has trended in that direction now all year to where I can go out and be aggressive from the first round on every

single week and just try and get in contention. I haven't been in the lead very much on the PGA TOUR, but when I have, I've done a very good job of holding on to it.

**Q. Of the perks that come with winning multiple times, whether it's money or obviously one win gets you into the Masters, I think two gets you in the U.S. Open.**

**BRENDON TODD:** It doesn't get me in the U.S. Open yet. You have to have two full FedEx point wins.

**Q. Well, so much for that question.**

**BRENDON TODD:** But I get in the Masters, that's super cool, and I get an extra year add-on for an exemption. Winning back to back, winning multiple times in a year is a big deal. For me coming from where I've been, having four years to play out here and potentially having 10 or 15 more years out here is really special.

**JOHN BUSH:** Anything else? Brendon Todd, best of luck this week. Thank you for your time.

**BRENDON TODD:** Thanks for having me.