

**ROUND 3 INTERVIEW**  
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**RORY SABBATINI**  
**KEVIN TWAY (-31)**

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**DOUG MILNE:** We will go ahead and get started. Like to welcome the winning team of the 2019 QBE Shootout, Rory Sabbatini, Kevin Tway.

Guys, congratulations on the victory. Kevin, making your first start in the QBE Shootout. Rory, other than Charles Howell, you've made more starts of anyone in the field in the QBE Shootout, your tenth start.

With all that said, just some comments on how well you guys played off of each other and ended up in these two seats right here.

**KEVIN TWAY:** Today it was mostly Rory. I was just kind of hanging out. He played unbelievable from hole six through 10. I think you birdied every hole, then an eagle after that. So I was just trying to put it in play so I can take the pressure off him, because he was hot today.

**DOUG MILNE:** Your putting was outstanding today. Do you remember a day, I'm sure you have, when you were just that dialed in on the greens?

**RORY SABBATINI:** You know what, after my very poor performance putting yesterday, which I wasn't very happy with, I was determined to come out today. As I said to Kevin, tomorrow I'll show up. Took a few holes to warm up --

**KEVIN TWAY:** You showed up.

**RORY SABBATINI:** -- but I finally showed up. It was fun. Days like today don't come often. When they do, you've got to enjoy them and ride it. It's like a wave, you know, because I was seeing the lines good and I felt like I was stroking the ball good.

But compliments to the superintendent, the greens were in perfect condition this week. They're some of the best Bermuda greens I've ever putted on, so it was conducive to guys making putts.

**DOUG MILNE:** This is obviously a unique event. It's my fifth or sixth one that I've been here. It's just a very laid back and relaxed atmosphere, gives you guys a chance to tweak anything you might be working on. How much fun is it just to be here in a setting like this?

**KEVIN TWAY:** Yeah, it's great. The hotel's great and they've got great events for us. Two great dinners, you get to play with a friend, it's pretty laid back, fun format and a great golf

course. So anytime you can come here, I would come, and I had a really good time.

**RORY SABBATINI:** Exactly. QBE, they do a great job with the hospitality, they put on a great event. LiveFest last night was fantastic, was a lot of fun. Darius, he's always amazing to watch. Lady Antebellum was fantastic.

But again, it's a very relaxed week and it's fun. It's a different environment than we're accustomed to because we're always competing against each other. So to be in an environment where we actually have a partner and you're rooting them on, it gives you a little different perspective. Really, it's a lot of fun. And again, I'm the old guy. I remember when I was here, the young guy playing with John Daly as the old guy as my partner, now I'm the old guy playing with the young guy as my partner.

**All I can say about Kevin, what a fantastic golfer, really. He makes it a lot of fun and it's enjoyable to watch. It made for a fun week.**

**Q. Kevin, obviously a storyline with your dad caddying and also he has a connection to Greg, but just him being here and part of that? And Rory, how well did you know Bob or did you ever play with him?**

**RORY SABBATINI:** Actually, I remember I played golf with Bob when I was a junior golfer. I came to Lost Tree in Edmond, Oklahoma, to play the Tournament of Champions there and the host family set up me playing golf with him. I think that was 1993.

**KEVIN TWAY:** Yeah, I was like 5.

**RORY SABBATINI:** You won't remember that. Yeah, that was my introduction to Bob.

Then obviously I got the privilege of playing many years with him on Tour. He's always been a great competitor. Obviously Kevin's uncle caddies on Tour, so there's quite a family history on the PGA TOUR, which is impressive.

I've never really gotten to know Bob on a personal level, I've always known him on a professional level and he's always been, what an amazing guy. It's a testament to his son here really following his dad's footsteps.

**KEVIN TWAY:** It's always great to have Dad out. He probably comes out six, seven times a year, but it's been a while since he caddied. It's really great to have him right there where I talked to him through shots. He's been my teacher all my life. It's nice he can come out. We can talk about things and just try to learn from him basically.

**RORY SABBATINI:** He's a lot better teacher than I am apparently, because I'm a terrible teacher.

**Q. Did he ever say, yeah, you know, that bunker shot I made, I beat -- this is the guy I**

**beat?**

**KEVIN TWAY:** I mean, I've seen it on TV many times. It was before I was born. I know what kind of wedge he used. I've actually tried to hit the shot he made. We had the National Championship at Inverness my sophomore year and we all took his wedge from the clubhouse to see if we could make it and no one could. We'll leave that one to him.

**RORY SABBATINI:** So ironically enough, we've had discussions amongst our household about you and your dad on the golf course.

The one discussion that resounded so amazingly was Bob was helping Kevin out there, but when it came time, he let him do his thing, he let him go. He didn't come and try to tell him what kind of shot, didn't try to tell him any kind of -- you know, give him advice unless he asked him. He let Kevin play his game, which especially a person that's won major championships, you have your son caddying for you [sic] and you want to try to get involved. He really did a great job stepping back and letting Kevin play the game. That's pretty amazing to see.

**Q. What was your guys' mindset? It was really tight and then you bogey 5. And did you have a number or, you know, or were you such in a zone putting that I'm going to birdie every hole coming in?**

**RORY SABBATINI:** From my perspective, I didn't have any number in mind, I didn't have any goal in mind. I was like, you know what, we're just going to go out and have fun and just try and stay relaxed, not get stressed about it, because we do it too often too many times out on Tour every week. You know, I could kind of sense Kevin getting a little tense at one point. I just finally said, listen, you've just got to take it off, man, just go, hit the ball, don't think about it, just hit your shots, just swing away. From that point he really, he hit some beautiful shots coming in. He picked me up in a couple crucial points, which was amazing.

**KEVIN TWAY:** Yeah, basically best ball, we're just trying to get two birdie putts every hole the best you can. It's amazing how often the guy who's outside when there's a guy close to him makes it first and you can just pick up and you can get the momentum like that. Rory was hot, so I was just trying to keep the ball in play. Yeah, I was hitting the ball a little bit left starting out, but I steadied it and hit some good shots down the end, which was nice.