

**BRANDT SNEDEKER ( -12)**

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**Q. I bet you wish the west coast swing was just a little bit longer. What is it about this time of year and specifically Torrey Pines South that you have just figured out?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** I wish I knew so I could bottle it and sell it to a bunch of guys, I guess. The greens, for whatever reason I seem to have a great week every year here when I play here. There's a way to play this golf course, you have to be very smart about where you miss it. You have to be aggressive but not too -- I've kind of figured that out over the years. Part of it's I'm always in a good mood when I'm here, which is probably half the battle.

**Q. Good vibes mean a lot, but for you, knowing you have to climb up the leaderboard on a Sunday on a really difficult course, how did you strategize around here and what was the number you had in mind?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** I thought I had to get to 13 or 14, I thought that's where I needed to be. Par 5s were what kind of killed me today, I played them in 3 under, but I parred two of them. You've got to kill the par 5s, especially on Sunday. These guys hit it so far and take advantage of it and I didn't do that.

So I kind of know I played great, I think I hit 16 or 17 greens, which is what I had to do today, but a few putts didn't go in when I needed to. Nobody's going to cry for me not making two putts out here today, but I could have made a few more.

**Q. Great effort, tried to get another surfboard, huh? You love this place, you really do.**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, something about it. I was in a great mood when I got here, always in a great mood when I show up here, great feel for the greens and how you have to putt them, when to be aggressive with them, when to just realize a two-putt's probably going to be okay. You know, I was playing really good coming in and I took advantage, I drove it great today, which is a huge battle for me. I missed one fairway all day, which around here is unbelievable for me.

So nothing to complain about. Just A few missed putts over the last probably three days. Three over after five holes here is unacceptable and cost me today.

**Q. Think in your prior life maybe you were a southern California surfer, because you kind of got that attitude?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** I do have that attitude, I love being out here. People have kind of adopted me as a California kid out here, so I love it. You've got to have that attitude when you're playing a golf course like this because it will just wear you down and beat you up. You can't look ahead, you've really got to focus on every shot like it's your last one and never get too up or down, which I did a great job today doing that.

**Q. Looked at the course setup today and we're looking at it on ShotLink and I went, man, they really set it up to go low today. The low sky and everything and not a lot of wind, if you could just figure how far the ball was going, you could really go low today, couldn't you?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** You could. The course, the par 5s on the back nine especially being really gettable, everybody could get there in two pretty much. It was just they had some tough pins, greens got a little bumpy today, which they always do here, but you have a lot of opportunities out there and you had to be on. You miss a fairway and the rough was really wet today and thick and hard to get it out of. You had to be really smart about when you're aggressive and when you weren't.

**Q. I'm sure you heard about the tragedy about Kobe. Your thoughts on that?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, I'm still in shock. I just heard about five minutes ago. As a father, as a sports fan, as somebody I loved watching play basketball, I can't believe it's true. I think every American sports fan's probably in mourning right now and in shock.

Condolences go out to his family. I couldn't imagine what they're going through right now. I think it kind of puts everything in perspective on what's really important out here. When you hear something like that, it's just an awful situation. I don't know what to say, knowing it's just a really hard thing to put into words.

**Q. So you didn't hear anything when you were on the golf course?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** I didn't, no, I didn't hear anything. You're out there and you're focused, you're not really paying attention to what's going on outside the ropes. I'm glad I didn't know, to be honest. I'm glad I didn't know because it would have affected me as a father, somebody who has a little girl. To lose a child and obviously lose his life is unthinkable, unimaginable. Condolences go out to his family right now because they're going to need all the help they can get.

**Q. Just real quick about your day, about the round.**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** Yeah, I played really well. Had a chance after I eagled 13, I really thought okay, if I get two more coming in, get to 14, post that and I have a chance. Thought I could do that the way I was swinging it.

Made a bogey on 15 which kind of derailed me a little bit, but I had two good chances on 16

and 17. Putts just didn't want to go in today. Hit it great. I did everything I possibly thought I needed to do today to be successful and putts were kind of not going in the way they normally do for me. It's just part of being on tour, you're going to have days like this. So hopefully this can kind of lead us into next week, play some good golf next week and make a great west coast swing out of it.

**Q. When you look at the way things kind of transpired early in the round, it seemed like there was a lot of movement on the leaderboard. Were you aware of that?**

**BRANDT SNEDEKER:** No, I don't look at leaderboards. You know, I can't control what other guys are doing. I knew what I needed to do. I knew if I hit 14, 15 greens today, I'd have a really good chance to win the golf tournament the way I was playing. I felt that was my big key for the day, if I can think my way around the golf course and do that. I did a great job of that. I thought I needed to shoot five or six. I shot six, that would have got me to 14. That was kind of where I was thinking I needed to be and came up one short. When I look back to yesterday is where I lost the golf tournament, the first five holes. Can't do that on this golf course and be successful.