ROUND 2 INTERVIEW July 3, 2020



BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU (-11)

Q. How would you compare these two rounds, the first two days, Bryson?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: It's tough to compare them, two different days. I felt like I drove it really well on the back nine today. I did drive it well on the back nine yesterday as well. It's just one of those things that I hit a lot -- I made a lot fewer mistakes I guess with my irons. Only had a couple on the par 5s, mistakes on the par 5s, 7 and 17. When I give myself those opportunities like I did on 4, I've got to take advantage. If I can make birdie on all the par 5s on the weekend, that's 8 under right there. Make a couple birdies on some short par 4s, I feel like that would be a good number, something like that.

Q. Obviously you made a few bogeys yesterday, but obviously you're bogey free today. How does that change your -- you came off yesterday seeming a little frustrated?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Oh, yeah, very frustrated.

Q. Today is a little different?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, making four bogeys and shooting 6 under is never what you want to -- I mean, 6 under's great, it's not a problem, but making those mistakes was getting on me. Coming off with a clean card today makes me feel really good, and finishing off with a birdie gives me some inspiration for tomorrow to play well.

Q. With how far you're hitting it these days, putting it in places most guys can't, but maybe not seeing some of the results, not making birdies when you feel like you need to, are you still learning how to kind of deal with that and different results?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, I think the most important part is just trying to be the casino. I keep going back to that statement. It's something that, you know, I'll keep functioning off of until the day I die because over time, if I keep giving myself enough of those, I'll learn how to hit wedge shots even better than I am now and give myself -- keep giving myself more opportunities to make those birdies. So I'm not really too concerned. I'm actually excited that I have that opportunity.

Q. On the fourth hole today you teed off as your playing competitors were just kind of coming off the green. Were you just trying to speed up play a little bit?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, we were a little behind and just trying to help out with that. One of those things that, you know, I'm doing my best to play golf and be considerate

of others and make sure we're all moving in a good, positive fashion. We were warned on 2 and trying to pick up the pace.

Q. Can you just walk us through your second shot on 8?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Oh, man, second shot on 8. That thing flew, I mean holy -- I don't know. It was one of those things where I felt pretty comfortable over it and it came out and just popped out really hot and went really far. I was not trying to go back right, worst location. I got into a bad lie. I got pretty lucky actually hitting a really beautiful third shot.

It's funny, the more difficult the shot is seems to be a lot easier for me, I don't know why. When it's a straightforward chip, I sometimes struggle with it. My thought process on the second shot was why did I hit it here and I can't believe it went that long.

Q. What did you hit on 9?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: A little 10:30 9-iron, so just a little draw in there.

Q. And one more question. You played very good golf; obviously you said maybe not to exactly your standard, gave it a B grade yesterday. What do you feel like you need to accomplish over the next two days to say I'm playing maybe my A-minus game even?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: To get to my A game, it's going to have to be way more comfortable with my driver and more repeatable with my driver. Obviously it's not bad, right, but I feel like there's another level. I felt that before and I want to reach that level. And then my iron play, I need to figure out why I'm hitting it on the heel and missing it a little right every once in a while. That's something I need to clean up.