ROUND 3 INTERVIEW July 4, 2020



BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU (-16)

Q. Nice way to finish. Just overall your thoughts on the round?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Overall thoughts, first off, I've got this bug in my face, sorry.

A little disappointing in the mid half of the round I guess you could say, a couple holes, 6 and 7 just didn't take care of like I should have. Got a little nervous on 8, just not comfortable with that pin and distances and whatever. Hit a great shot on 9 and kind of got me going. Hit a great drive on 10. Just slowly built momentum until I hit that big bomb on 13. That was fun, hit it up next to the green. Getting up and down was huge. Slowly just built momentum.

Again, if I can just be the house. I'm trying to be the house. Doesn't mean the house is always going to win in certain periods of time, so I'm okay with that. I realize if I just keep playing great golf, eventually it will happen one time.

Q. Looks like you're going to be a couple shots back going into tomorrow. What's your mindset?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Just going out there and being aggressive, being aggressive where need be. Certain holes you've got to hit it down the fairway. If I can keep hitting fairways -- I've always said this, if I can keep hitting fairways and hitting it that far, strokes gained advantages is going to be pretty big.

Although Matthew's right behind me, too. He's hitting it far out there, that's why he's playing well. Making putts, too. I'm just going to have to hit my wedges close and make some putts and see where it ends up tomorrow.

Q. I was going to say, the distance is there, the proximity this week hasn't been. Is there any aspect of that that surprises you through three rounds?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: The proximity's not great. I have hit some wedge shots close. The thing is when you drive it up next to a couple greens, you expect to make a couple putts and I feel like the proximity is really just not having the right numbers this week. I feel like I've had a lot of in-between shots. Just pin locations I couldn't go for, I didn't feel like I could go for with the clubs I had in hand. So that's really all it is, to be honest. If I get more opportunities and get the right numbers for tomorrow, I'll be able to go at more pins.

Q. Seemed like you were talking to yourself a little more in the middle of the round than other days. Was it a little harder to keep the emotions in check today seeing how things were going?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Yeah, a little disappointed with some stuff. But look, at the end of the day I've got to realize that it's just golf and, you know, I think if anything, it's -- if I use it in a good way, if it's positive to spur me on, I don't think it's a bad thing because I really care. That's one of the biggest things. People see me getting frustrated or whatever, they think, oh, he's a -- whatever, right? But at the end of the day I just really care a lot about playing well. If I don't, it is what it is, but, you know, it's one of those things that I've just got to keep working on getting better.

Q. Can you explain what happened on 7 green?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Okay, yeah. So there was something that happened -- I mean, nothing crazy, but I had a cameraman that was filming me after I hit a bad bunker shot and whiffed the sand a little bit, which I shouldn't have done, that was dumb.

But at the end of the day, he was literally watching me the whole entire way up after getting out of the bunker, walking up next to the green and I just was like, "Sir, what is the need to watch me that long?"

I mean, I understand that it's his job to video me, but at the same point, I think we need to start protecting our players out here compared to showing a potential vulnerability and hurting someone's image. I just don't think that's necessarily the right thing to do. Not that I was going to do anything bad, it's just one of those things that I hope he respects my privacy.

As much as we're out here performing, I think it's necessary that we have our times of privacy as well when things aren't going our way. I mean, we're in the spotlight. if somebody else is in the spotlight they wouldn't want that either. It's just something about respect I think that's necessary on that end. You know, so for me I feel like it's one of those things that we had a conversation, it was all good after that.

Q. Can you explain what you mean by protecting the players?

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU: Well, you know, look, I feel like when you're videoing someone and you catch Tiger at a bad time, you show him accidentally doing something, or someone else, they're just frustrated because they really care about the game. It could really hurt them if they catch you at a potentially vulnerable time.

We're not necessarily -- we don't mean anything by it, we just care a lot about the game. for that to damage our brand like that, that's not cool in the way we act because if you actually meet me in person, I'm not too bad of a dude, I don't think.

So that's the thing, I hope we can get to the point where everybody understands that we just care a lot about the game, we want to do well, we're passionate about what we do and we want everybody to enjoy the entertainment. We don't want negative stuff coming down.