

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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BRETT QUIGLEY (-11)

THE MODERATOR: Brett Quigley, bogey-free 64 here in the second round of the Ally Challenge. Currently our clubhouse leader, 11 under. Why don't you start us with some comments on the day.

BRETT QUIGLEY: A little more relaxed today. I think yesterday probably trying too hard, after being off for so long. Kind of waiting for this day to happen, and it finally did yesterday, and today just a little more relaxed and got up and down, made a bunch of birdies, and sometimes it looks pretty good.

THE MODERATOR: Yeah. Earlier this year, breakthrough win at Morocco Champions, and obviously suspension of play due to COVID. You come out that hot that fast, and then kind of putting it on the back burner for four months. What's it been like to come back this week here?

BRETT QUIGLEY: It's almost like winning the lottery, because we just weren't sure we were going to play. Other sports, PGA Tour, the PGA Tour Champions, done such a great job getting us back and getting us back playing and keeping us safe, keeping us tested, and keeping everybody with the appearance of healthy. So it's -- it's great. It was a tough one to sit down, but certainly great to be back and back playing and thankful that we are.

THE MODERATOR: Great.

Questions?

Q. Brett, you started off with bogey yesterday, and now you've had 35 holes, you have had 12 birdies. What's been the key to your rounds the last couple of days?

BRETT QUIGLEY: I think I mentioned to John Cook when we were walking off 17 today, I was trying to shoot 20 under the front nine yesterday. I was just trying to force everything after being off for so long. I was like, oh, my gosh, now I've got to go bogey the first hole. And I was like, what am I doing out here? And really struggled the front nine and brought it together the back nine, and then came out today and played a little bit more like I'm capable of playing.

Q. What does it say about your preparation during this layoff to be able to come out in the first two rounds back and play this well?

BRETT QUIGLEY: I have been fortunate where I am in Martin County, Florida, we have been open. So the golf course, Medalist, has been open. We have been lucky. So I have been down there with my family, my girls, my wife, and been able to play and practice a bunch. So I have been lucky. And I have prayed and practiced a lot. So I was ready to go. And again probably just too anxious yesterday. But feel good with the game and hopefully I'll have another good chance tomorrow.

Q. You have a mask around you here. Why was it important for you to wear a mask this week when a lot of guys aren't?

BRETT QUIGLEY: I have been wearing it since we got home. Early on there was some talk saying we might have to wear it in between shots, and I just wanted to get used to wearing it. And then a couple guys at home also wear it for sunblock, because in Jupiter, Florida, it's a little warm down there. The sun tends to burn you a little. And I just got used to wearing it. And it's just easy to have it and pull it up and try to keep social distancing and safe as we go along.

Q. I know it wasn't your tee shot at 17, but in your group there was some cheering from the scoreboard and some reaction. Did you know that was coming? What was it like when you kind of heard it as you were approaching the green?

BRETT QUIGLEY: I think we heard it when I was walking up 16. And we talked about it yesterday, our guys, Steve Flesch and Scott Parel, saying how frustrating it is, disappointing that we can't have fans, because that area, it's such an exciting area for all of us, for the players, for the fans, and you know coming into that it's going to be loud and it's going to be fantastic. I mean, you just look forward to that energy. And then for it not to be there yesterday and then to finally hear some of it today was a little back to normal golf. It is a little eerie out here not having fans.

Q. Is it -- you guys cheer each on a little bit more? I noticed some of the guys are really hearing people moving around a little bit. I mean, I guess the point of the question is, are you guys cheering each other on, giving each other energy without the fans, or --

BRETT QUIGLEY: I think there's a little more -- I think definitely more camaraderie, a little more togetherness for all of us, after being off for so long. I think the majority of us are very thankful that we're back competing and playing golf.

Q. Speaking of that, no fans out here, and obviously they are not making money at the bar over here, anything like that. But Ally, the sponsors, and the Tour is making their effort to put 10 grand on the table to help out these charities to make sure that they don't go without. How proud are you of the effort that they are making in that regard?

BRETT QUIGLEY: Well, it's important to the Tour, it's important to the players.

It's -- it's the backbone of what we do. So I would expect nothing less from the Tour and the tournament. And I'm glad that they are doing it.

Q. Feel pressure with that 10 grand on the table?

BRETT QUIGLEY: I choked, I was right between clubs and just hit an awful shot.

Q. What's the feeling going into tomorrow, knowing that at this point there is a very good chance you're going to be in that final group?

BRETT QUIGLEY: Yeah, I wanted to get close to it. I figured if I get within one or two groups of the last group, that was the goal going in today. And fortunately it looks like I might have a chance.

And obviously I'm concerned about what's going on at home. I live in Jupiter, so we have that storm coming. I'm going to go home and call my girls and Amy and see what's going on.

Q. Will it be difficult to play with that on your mind and --

BRETT QUIGLEY: It depends how close it is.

Q. How else will you unwind after this round?

BRETT QUIGLEY: Look forward to eating another meal in my car this week. I have had three of those, dinner, so that's been exciting. Certainly something different. I brought three books this week, so it's been a lot of time in the hotel room and social distancing.

THE MODERATOR: Thanks, Brett. Good luck tomorrow.

BRETT QUIGLEY: Thanks.