

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW
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BRENDON TODD

SHARON SHIN: With that, I would like to welcome in our defending champion, Brendon Todd, to the virtual interview room here at the Mayakoba Golf Classic presented by UNIFIN.

Brendon, you're making your fifth start at the event and you're looking to successfully defend your title. Can we get some opening comments about your return to Mexico?

BRENDON TODD: Yeah, always great to be back here. Mayakoba's a fantastic resort, a golf course that I played really well last year. Looks like it's going to be in the same conditions; it's already wet and we're expecting more rain on Thursday, Friday, so it should feel pretty similar to how it played last year. I played the back nine this morning and my game felt pretty good, made some birdies, so looking forward to carrying momentum this week.

SHARON SHIN: And you had back-to-back victories here last season. How did that change your perspective on golf and your confidence as a player?

BRENDON TODD: Well, it definitely grew my confidence. I was coming from a few years that weren't so good and to kind of get better every week in 2019 and finish it off with a couple wins was a milestone here for me. Opened up a lot of doors for me in 2020, a lot of new events and I feel like I handled a lot of those well. I had a couple top 25s in majors. Feel like I'm poised for a pretty good 2021 (inaudible) really good spot after I was last year at this time, so just going with the ebbs and flows of golf and trying to play my best.

SHARON SHIN: And this is the last tournament of the calendar year of 2020. Are you looking forward to some off time in December?

BRENDON TODD: I am. It's always great to be home. I've got three kids that are 6, 4 and 2. I take my 6-year-old out to play, so I won't put the clubs away or anything, I'll only have three weeks off before Maui, Sony and the American Express, so I'm just looking forward to the holidays and getting back after it in January.

SHARON SHIN: And with the season continuing next year in 2021, do you have any specific goals that you've set for the new season, or the new year, I mean?

BRENDON TODD: Yeah, always the first goal's to get back to the TOUR Championship. I had an awesome year and a chance at that big FedExCup prize. Then get another win. I feel like I put myself in some good positions in 2020, I wasn't able to finish it off. So this week and then going into next year, I'm excited about another chance to win.

Q. Brendon, thinking back to your win last fall in Bermuda and Mayakoba, how would you kind of distinguish between the two in terms of what was going well each week and what stands out from each week?

BRENDON TODD: I feel like in Bermuda I hit so many really close approach shots and holed a lot of putts. Then I feel like Mayakoba was more of a consistent week, shooting 4 or 5 under every day. Drove it really, really straight and more good approaches, but just kind of more well rounded all around I think here in Mexico.

Q. And what's your favorite kind of shot or moment or memory from last year here in Mayakoba?

BRENDON TODD: The up-and-down at 18 to win was definitely the highlight of the week, I think. There was a lot of pressure in that scenario knowing Vaughn had 15 feet for birdie and I had a chip-in on 16 that I think really spurred me on in the middle of the tournament. Every time I've won on the PGA TOUR I've had a chip-in, so that seems to be something I'm trying to focus on.

Q. Is that something where if you get a chip-in early in the week, you kind of trigger back those memories and it kind of spurs you on to that mindset?

BRENDON TODD: Yeah, now it will.

SHARON SHIN: Brendon, thank you so much for joining us and good luck this week at Mayakoba.

BRENDON TODD: Thank you, appreciate it.