

RORY SABBATINI
KEVIN TWAY

PRESTON SMITH: Welcome back to a familiar place here at the QBE. You want to just talk about thoughts coming back to a place that you have some fond memories from?

RORY SABBATINI: Well, all I can say is it's going to kind of hopefully be like last year where I'm going to be the jockey and he's going to be the stallion. It's always good to be here. Obviously a lot of good memories from last year. No, it's always a fun, relaxing week.

KEVIN TWAY: Yeah, it's such a fun week. It's nice to have a partner. Rory hits it really straight, so he hits it in play and I kind of just wail at it. He reads the greens and I putt it where he tells me and it goes in most of the time, so we've got a good little partnership going.

PRESTON SMITH: Do your games mesh well overall?

RORY SABBATINI: Yeah, definitely. It's kind of strange because after Kevin hits it a mile, there's a lot of facets to his game that are very underrated that he's very good at. So for me it's kind of fun because, as he said, I put the ball in the fairway and let him wail away and take advantage of it, which does kind of stink when I'm playing my own ball because now he's 50 yards back.

KEVIN TWAY: It's nice, I can drive it up close to the greens and Rory's got a nice short game so he can spin it in there close and get some tap-ins for birdie. It's always a fun week. And our caddies mesh well together and I've got dad here. He's not caddying, but he's here so he brings some good vibes for us.

Q. Rory, this is your 11th time playing in this thing. Can you talk a little bit more about why you say it's such a great week, such a nice week? What goes into a week like this that makes you smile no matter what?

RORY SABBATINI: Well, a week like this is very different than what we traditionally play on Tour. We're in such a very cutthroat industry, we're constantly competing. When you get here, you actually have a partner. It's three rounds, three very different formats and the formats in themselves make it a lot more interesting and a lot more fun. But again, you're playing where we don't often do it, team golf and it makes it very interesting. It's always nice to have that other person there because we don't have that normally. It kind of alleviates a little bit of the pressure into your own game and you kind of freewheel it a little more. So you'll see guys hitting shots out here that they traditionally wouldn't because they're not being very conservative, they're being very aggressive.

Q. Same thing, Kevin? You picked that up right away?

KEVIN TWAY: Yeah, it's fun to play more aggressive. We were just talking like on hole 10, I would never hit a driver, but once Rory hits it in play, I'll hit driver all three days and try to squeeze it up by the green. It's fun to kind of freewheel it. And it plays in well to my game. I wish I could do it more just by myself, but it's easier when you have a partner.

Q. You guys have probably gotten used to it, but does it hit you that there are no fans every week or are you more used to it now?

RORY SABBATINI: Well, I think it's definitely -- it's definitely different. It's different coming to this golf course and not see the grandstands behind 18. The golf course has a different view as a lot of golf courses that we're playing and competing on now. In some respects, Sea Island, some of the par-3 greens looked a lot bigger, it didn't seem like the green was that far away. It always changes your optical perspective of what you're accustomed to out there.

But it is different. It doesn't have the -- it's disappointing because it doesn't have the excitement and that vibe about it when you're in contention and you're competing, but at the same time it's also understandable. It's tough times for everybody.

KEVIN TWAY: Yeah, we've had no fans for six months and it's still weird because we're not seeing people cheer behind the green. It's more weird for a tournament like this because I feel like you kind of interact with the fans more than you normally would at a regular event because it's more laid back and more just freewheeling and stuff. It's strange to see it as well as the grandstands not being there, it's weird looking at it, too.

Q. What with the experience the past six months will help you getting ready to go into the new year, calendar year? Is there anything that you've learned in six months that you can somehow, someway maybe incorporate how you prepared or how you deal with Monday through Sunday at a tournament that you could build off of?

RORY SABBATINI: I think for me personally, going out to the west coast and going to Hawaii, it's going to be a challenge because with the limitations and restrictions and things like that, that part of our job is more stressful than what we're accustomed to because you're trying to figure out hotels, you're trying to figure out flights, you're looking at all the criteria and requirements from states themselves. That poses its own challenge in itself.

In regards to the tournament, I don't think it's really going to change my preparation much. I'm still going to approach it the same way and try to do things as I'm accustomed to doing.

Q. A lot of the players talk about the fact that they had to really dig deep to motivate themselves to find some energy because you couldn't get it from the fans. Did you guys experience that and is there anything you can try to do to get better at dealing

with that in the new calendar year?

KEVIN TWAY: No, I've always got a lot of energy. I'm looking for my ball all over the course sometimes, so there's always a lot of stress and energy. But for me I've had to get to tournaments earlier now. I used to just kind of stroll in Monday night and go straight to the course Tuesday, but with the testing I'm just trying to get there a little bit earlier so I can prepare the same way I used to.

RORY SABBATINI: Yeah, you know, it's just I think as long as Kevin and I have been out here, you get accustomed to having your routine. I think the motivation part, I don't think there's too much of an issue there for either of us, but I'm sure there are players that do struggle with that. It's a very valid point that you do need to find the motivation, you do need to find that drive to keep pushing yourself to work hard each day. But for me personally, it's more -- it's just as Kevin said, get there, get the basic necessities done, the testing and everything like that so you're ready to go and then after that it's pretty much business as usual.

Q. One moment this year that stood out as the weirdest moment since you guys came back from after the break?

KEVIN TWAY: Yeah, when I got to Colonial, I had my Club Glove in my -- Dan and I keep (indiscernible) trailer and just waltzed into the locker room and they said no, nothing can come in here. So I had to go back get the car, put everything in the car, go back to the hotel and get this. It was just weird at first. It took a couple weeks to kind of get in the rhythm of things again.

RORY SABBATINI: For sure, I would agree with Kevin there. That was very awkward because there are certain parts of your routine that you are used to, walking in the locker room, unpack your bags, stock your locker. Now you have to go to the soft goods place, you have to go here. It's definitely a different routine, but it took probably three, four weeks to get accustomed to it and then you become very comfortable with it.

PRESTON SMITH: Thanks, guys.