

**BRANDEN GRACE**

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**Q. Just a few comments on the round today, making your first start here in the Puerto Rico Open. Looks like you're doing -- do you feel like you're playing pretty well?**

**BRANDEN GRACE:** Yeah. I've actually felt like the game has been coming on the last couple of weeks. I have had some upward strides, which is nice.

And coming here, I didn't really know what to expect, but the golf course is great. I think they've really played it safe so far. And the wind has been consistent. But I feel -- Anirban and I actually spoke on the golf course. Even with this 15-, 20-mile-an-hour wind, it still feels like it's gettable out there. You can make some birdies and give yourself some chances. So that's nice. And the greens are superb. So all in all, it's been a good first visit to -- yeah.

**Q. Coming off top 20 last week at Genesis, is that enough to ride some momentum off of coming into a --**

**BRANDEN GRACE:** Yeah, yeah, definitely. I mean, I didn't really have a lot of -- I haven't had a lot of rounds under my belt coming into Pebble Beach, obviously, with just some family stuff and things like that. So getting the round under the belt has been nice. And I feel that it's just maybe a lot of pressure off and just get to play some golf and maybe throw the expectations out of the window a little bit and just go and believe how good I am and what I need to do and it's possible.

So I feel Pebble was nice, in the right direction. And last week, especially with that sort of field, the strongest field of the year so far, it was great. And especially in really tough conditions. And I think that Saturday got me into the right frame of mind, coming into this week knowing that the wind always blows on these islands, you know. So I feel that the wind game is there, so if I can just stay patient the way I have and really just hit those shots and see those shots, then I will be doing all right.