

**ROUND 4 INTERVIEW**  
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**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU (-4)**



**Q. Bryson, I take it you're glad you came back?**

**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU:** It was worth it. It no doubt was worth it. That's what I was hoping to do this weekend when I was on that plane at 2:45 a.m. Yeah, I wanted to make it worth it. I didn't want to come out here and finish 60-whatever, close to last. Even at that, it's still FedExCup points, it's still world ranking points. I was pleased to have come back and finished -- hopefully I can get inside the top-10 and be there and keep moving up the world rankings. The goal is obviously to be No. 1 and I want to be at the Olympics, so we'll keep moving forward in the right direction. If I get my driving going next week, I like that golf course and hopefully I can play well out there.

**Q. How much did you sleep last night?**

**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU:** 11, yeah, I slept 11 hours. That was really nice. But when you do that, you can get a little tired waking up and groggy. It took me a while to wake up. Came out here and just felt a little sluggish because yesterday took it out of me, it was a long day. But still worked out last night, still did my own stuff. I'm going to go home and doing a little cleanup work on my body and then tomorrow get right back at it with Chris trying to figure out this driver.

**Q. Do you think you would have shot 68-68 if you didn't fly home?**

**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU:** I don't know. That's a great question. That's pie in the sky, hindsight, you know, next dimension stuff. I don't know. I don't have control of that. But I may have played better, I may have played worse. There was times yesterday where I felt like I wasn't even here and it just allowed me to play good for some reason. Ignorance is bliss sometimes, so it might not have.

**Q. Is it fair to say that finishing around 10th like you are, maybe a spot higher or lower, is going to cover that added expense you gave yourself going back and forth?**

**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU:** It definitely will, for sure. But again, it was more for me. The cost wasn't really anything I was worried about. I really didn't want to disappoint Wells Fargo and Quail Hollow and the guys who put up this tournament and give so much to charity. I mean, that's one of the things I want to support. And fans out here, didn't want to disappoint them. That's something that's super important to me about growing the game. I would definitely make that expense twice, twice as much for me to get back here to do that again.

**Q. Bryson, not so much as applies to you, but when a player is struggling, how**

**quickly or how long does it take to bounce back?**

**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU:** It's tough. You're talking about me, how long it'd take me to come back? Hopefully within a week. I'm a hard worker. And sometimes it does come back, sometimes it doesn't. I wasn't playing great up into Arnold Palmer and all of a sudden I went and won, so it can happen like that.

You've got Gary Woodland, who's playing really well this week and obviously didn't play that great last week. So there's a number of times where you just get on the range the next week and something clicks and you like the golf course and you're putting great and things just working the right way. So it can be a week-by-week thing, but the best players in the world don't do that. They're consistently up there. When they're struggling, they're able to push through it and finish in the top-10 like I did -- like I hopefully did this week. If I can continue to keep doing this, move up in the World Golf rankings, my goal is No. 1 and the Olympics. You've just got to be on point, you've got to work really hard to come back.

**Q. They're doing something with Mark Russell in his final go-round. Just wondering if you've got a Mark Russell story or moment?**

**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU:** I mean, he's never given me the benefit of the doubt. No, I'm just kidding.

I love Mark. He's been great for the Tour and I think it's a well-deserved hurrah, last hurrah. I think he'll be greatly missed out here, no doubt. He's meant a lot to the Tour and he will continue to mean a lot to the Tour.

**Q. Rory was telling us earlier that he's trying to commit to playing one shape off the tee. As one who's really into the numbers, do you have one shot you try to play all the time or do you try to work it?**

**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU:** I try to play a draw but it doesn't always work out. Sometimes I get the high right ball and then the snap left. I've got to work on keeping it consistent. We're doing some interesting research at high ball speeds. There's some stuff that's not lining up with what we know currently right now and it takes a robot to be able to see what's going on. So we're going to be doing research over the next few months to figure out how to get it to go straight at high ball speeds. It's just not known right now.

**Q. Do you know anything about Kiawah?**

**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU:** No, I don't, and that's a good thing for me. I like going into golf courses blind. For whatever reason, it lets you have a fresh look and fresh opinion on it, without anybody's input, I can make the best decisions. Times when I've been out and played golf courses beforehand and tried -- it worked beautifully at Winged Foot. I didn't really know the golf course that well and I went out there and just played it and, you know, did really well there. Even on Thursday, I went 2 under on 16 through 18 and I didn't see it

until Thursday. So for some reason, when I go into things blind, I just feel like -- feel like I can come into it with a fresh mindset and execute great shots, I don't know why. Maybe it's just coincidental, I don't know.

**Q. Do you always like to play in the weeks leading up to majors?**

**BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU:** No, I like taking the week off before, but I tried it at Augusta, didn't work, but I tried it at U.S. Open and it worked. Hopefully, if I can get a couple tournaments beforehand like I am going to Kiawah, I'll be fresh and ready to go with my golf swing. Hopefully that will lead me to being comfortable that week. That's the thing, if I can be comfortable with my driver, I think I have a good chance to win. My putting's really good, my chipping and wedging around the green is great.

Again, for some reason, it's not like this ramp up into it, it's just more of being consistent that week. I haven't been consistent at Augusta, but I was at the U.S. Open. And sometimes I gain momentum and it helps, sometimes it doesn't. It's just random. I have no clue.

Sorry, I wish I could give you a better answer. I wish I could figure it out because I'd make that game plan every single time.