ROUND 1 INTERVIEW JULY 1, 2021



RYAN BREHM (-1)

Q. One-under-par start for you, Ryan. If we can get some comments on your play.

RYAN BREHM: Yeah, I'll use my favorite line. I mean, it was a bunch of strikes and gutters out there today. I hit the ball pretty good, missed a few short ones, made a few putts I probably shouldn't have made, and I was just watching Davis pour them all in.

Q. Just talk a little bit about what it takes during a day like this with sort of the delay and all of that just in terms of sort of staying within yourself, staying patient.

RYAN BREHM: Yeah, it's just -- being from Michigan, I know how bizarre this is to have this much rain like this time of year. I know we needed the rain, but maybe not quite this much this quickly. You just have to deal with it, I don't know how else to say it. I mean, they did send us out and then brought us back in, sent us out and back in again. You just have to do your best to just stay focused and ready to go.

Q. And how much has the rain last weekend, this week affected this golf course?

RYAN BREHM: Well, clearly it's pretty saturated. There's just not much room for more water. I think any -- we didn't have a whole lot of rain today, but you could tell the course just couldn't take anymore water, so it became unplayable pretty quickly. It's pretty saturated. And you can see where the crowds have been walking in areas, it's taken its toll.

Q. Ryan, just wanted to ask you, how's it feel just to be so close to home?

RYAN BREHM: It feels great. We got here and I turned to my wife and we both said at the same time, "It feels good to breathe some Michigan air." It's just nice. It's just a nice place to be this time of year.

Q. Yeah. And then for you, being able to see your old teammate Nathan, I think that was on hole 15, what are the moments like that like for you as a player being able to see your old teammates?

RYAN BREHM: Well, it's really nice. We had a long time here, I think everyone was cooped up in their own space because of the pandemic. Coming out of it, it's just nice to see some faces again. He yelled at me going down the fairway. I didn't even recognize him, it's been so long since I've seen him. You know, there's been some other friends who popped out today. I'm sure I'll see some more familiar faces tomorrow. It's nice. We haven't had fans back playing for very long and there's an energy that comes with just having people around watching you play golf.

Q. Was this your longest round ever? I know you started, what, at like 8:30 this morning?

RYAN BREHM: It could be, I don't know. It could be. It was a long day, but I don't know. We'll try to work on the -- work on the bad and keep the good for tomorrow and the rest of the week. Put one foot in front of the other.

Q. Then, like you said, this course is very saturated I think is the right word that you used.

RYAN BREHM: Yeah.

Q. As you look forward towards this week, no more rain is expected, but what did you learn from today that you could bring into tomorrow in order to make the weekend cut?

RYAN BREHM: Well, it wasn't supposed to rain today, either. You know, I think scores are going to be low. You're going to have to be patient on the greens because the greens are going to get -- since there's so much rain, they're going to get trampled. You might get a few putts that bobble one way or the other. So it's going to take good ball-striking and patience on the greens, just like it always does really. It's going to take a low score, though. It will be a lower cut.