

**RYAN BREHM (-6)**

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**Q. More strikes today than gutters?**

**RYAN BREHM:** Yeah, I suppose. It just feels good to hit some good golf shots again. Today was a fun day. I had a lot of familiar faces out there cheering me on. I was nervous on like every shot, but I think it made me focus a little harder on what I was trying to do. Just a lot of fun. It's fun when you're hitting good golf shots, so hopefully we can keep that going.

**Q. Was there a key point in the round? The course played tougher in the afternoon seemingly, today as a whole really with the wind. What was the key to the round?**

**RYAN BREHM:** Yeah, I thought the course played tougher, but the key to my round was just hitting it better. I was hitting my lines and I was driving it well. I didn't even -- I made a couple, I guess one kind of long putt, but the other birdies were honestly three- and four-footers, which are nerve wracking. But I don't know, just hit the ball really well.

**Q. When you watch a guy go out and shoot 9 under yesterday, you're 1 under, big gap there. You were able to close the gap on him today, but do you pay attention to what your opponent's doing?**

**RYAN BREHM:** Yeah, you pay attention a little bit. It's just so early to do that. Thursdays and Fridays you're really just trying to do your best to take one shot at a time. It would be nice to get the feeling being there late on Sunday where you could start to think about maybe changing your strategy a little bit if you need to, but certainly not on Thursday and Friday. It was impressive to watch him play yesterday, for sure.

**Q. What's it like to have to pay a couple extra nights at a hotel after seven cuts in a row?**

**RYAN BREHM:** It's great. You know, it's nice in my hometown, I had a lot of support out there. Like I said, familiar faces cheering me on and family. It's nice to see fans back. This seems to be one of the more rowdy events that I've played in recently. I don't know, I'm just happy for the city of Detroit that we have golf back and they can come attend.

**Q. Ryan, you showed a lot of emotion today, especially on that seventh hole after you hit it out of the bunker. I saw that you were walking and you threw the ball up and you caught it. What were you thinking about in that moment?**

**RYAN BREHM:** You know, it's just -- I'm being repetitive, but it's just fun to execute shots the way you want. I just did a lot of that today. So regardless of the score, I think the score is

a by-product of really just executing and hitting the ball in the middle of the face kind of how you want to hit it. That's really the fun part of this game.

I think sometimes you can go down that rabbit hole of getting caught up in trying to be perfect and trying to make more money or make more FedExCup points, but at the end of the day, for me golf has been a healing process and it's been -- it's just fun for me to hit good golf shots. So if I can boil it down to that, I think I'll be okay.

**Q. And then for you, when you have a round like today, would you say that it's better when you play loose?**

**RYAN BREHM:** Yeah. I mean, we all want to get to that point where we feel loose, but it's pretty hard to do when you're out there in front of all these fans in your hometown. I've just embraced the feelings. I'll be a little bit nervous, I'll probably be more nervous tomorrow. I think nerves are just a good sign, it means you're doing something right.

**Q. Ryan, there's a lot of factors in golf, negative or good, to play, whether it's weather, family, familiarity or irons, whatever. What were your good factors today?**

**RYAN BREHM:** Well, to play this golf course, for me to have success on this golf course, it starts from the tee. I have to position myself where I can attack on the second shots, especially when it gets soft. It firmed up a little bit today. Once that gets going and I start hitting some fairways and attacking and maybe getting a few birdies in the bank, it does loosen me up and allow me to kind of relax a little bit and play with a little less fear, I suppose. Once that gets going, you just try to ride that momentum.

**Q. Is it possible that today was your single best PGA TOUR round, or close to it?**

**RYAN BREHM:** Certainly within the last two years, yeah. I mean, just from top to bottom, I did everything pretty well. There's definitely room for improvement. I don't want to set the bar too low for me, I think anything is possible, but it's definitely a step in the right direction.

**Q. You were talking about it starts at the tee. On the eighth tee you've got a dogleg right kind of short par 4. What went through your mind to say I've got to hit driver here?**

**RYAN BREHM:** I hit driver yesterday and I smoked it and I was a little surprised it got all the way to the green-side bunker. It wasn't a great place to be for that pin yesterday, but today I knew the pin was up in a good location. That bunker was a good spot to be, so I aimed it in the right trees, tried to draw it a little bit and hit it hard. It got into that bunker, it was in a good spot, and I had just gotten up and down from the bunker on the previous hole, so I was pretty confident in that one, too.