

RYAN BREHM (-5)

Q. Tough finish yesterday, but better today. What was your mindset going I guess early in the round today?

RYAN BREHM: Just to be patient and keep doing what we were doing. I hit the ball great yesterday, gave a couple away at the end and I was pretty irritated about that. And then early on I was hitting the ball fine and found ourselves in just some weird predicaments. I mean, a couple squirrely lies. We guessed wrong on the wind because the wind seemed to be swirling all over the place. The greens were firmer, it played a little bit different in the afternoon than yesterday morning. But after we kind of adjusted for that and I started hitting them a little bit softer towards the hole, I guess, and they started dropping because I kept hitting edges. And hit a good shot onto 18, which was my ninth hole, and ended up making that one. So I think once I saw one go in, I made a couple more after that.

Q. And the putt on 2, can you go over that one?

RYAN BREHM: Yeah, the putt on 2 was fun. I had a good look at that one and it was a pretty simple like downhill all the way, just slightly breaking to the right. I think the challenge out here is that a lot of the pins are in positions where the ball, you don't really know which way it's going to break, but when you get yourself on those ridges and it's clearly defined, it just kind of gives that picture in your mind of where you need to roll the ball in.

Q. Had to enjoy that ovation after that one went in?

RYAN BREHM: Yeah, it was fun. A lot of Michigan support this week, it's been a lot of fun. I feel like it's been a busy week for me, but I'm happy to be back. I don't feel like I'm playing for my life this week and that's different. I'm just trying to enjoy it a little bit more, and I am, it's nice. It's nice to see all the support and people around here love the game of golf.

Q. What did you do after the round yesterday?

RYAN BREHM: Can I remember that far? I went home and just sprawled out on the couch. I don't even think I got a shower and just laid there for a little bit. It was a tiring day. I think we had three days in a row of early wake-ups. We were just both exhausted. Went home, relaxed, had a nice dinner with some friends and family and got to sleep in a little bit this morning, so I was a lot more refreshed today.

Q. Is there any significance to playing here in Michigan, you being from Mt. Pleasant, or is it something you don't get to fully appreciate until after it's over?



RYAN BREHM: It's absolutely more significant to me. Being in my home state is something special for me. I was way more nervous. I feel like everybody in the crowd's watching me even if I don't know them. It incentivizes me to focus a little bit harder and dig deeper and I really felt that last year here. I was struggling, I had some personal life issues, and the crowd, I don't think I'll ever forget how much the crowd meant to me then. This year I'm just trying to smile as much as possible. When I play I tend to get a little bit grumpy, but I think I'm doing a little bit better.

Q. When you get yourself out of a tight spot or you make a big putt and you hear the chants of "Go Ryan," what does that do to you? Do you have to stay kind of locked in to not let the outside noise in?

RYAN BREHM: We hear it, we definitely hear it. I hear it. I might not react, but I definitely hear it and inside it gets me going a little bit.

