

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
August 4, 2022



BRIAN STUARD (-5)

Q. Brian, 5 under par, excellent start. If we can get some comments on your round.

BRIAN STUARD: Yeah, played nicely, putted well. Kind of have to golf your way around, I would say, and I did that pretty well today. It's tough to hit fairways because they're running so much, but yeah, I played nice.

Q. You kind of had a rough stretch coming into this tournament. Can you talk a little bit about what's been going on and what changed today?

BRIAN STUARD: Yeah, I mean, yeah, I've been fighting it a little bit, just trying to kind of find my swing. Today it worked well, I was able to control my misses better than I have been, I think. Just I wish I knew what the difference was really, but yeah, hope to keep it going.

Q. How hard is it to keep your confidence level when you have a stretch like that?

BRIAN STUARD: Yeah, it's tough, for sure. Then you have kind of a day where you start, like today I started nicely and you kind of get the momentum going, so it doesn't take much to kind of turn the tied. Hopefully, this round was it and I can keep it going.

Q. So you can't really tell what was wrong in your swing? Was it a miss left or --

BRIAN STUARD: Yeah, I think my plane just got a little off, I got a little bit too steep coming down and was hitting some shots to the left, and then also some misses to the right as well. It's hard to play with a two-way miss going. Today I felt like I got a little -- I've been working on it, it's not like it was just today, but I don't know, it's just one of those things where you kind of get it going the right way and I was able to kind of keep it going.

Q. And how much pressure do you feel this week?

BRIAN STUARD: Honestly, not much at all really. I don't have much to lose. I'm kind of not in a real good spot, so just trying to figure out how to play some good golf again and see what happens.

Q. Does that make it easier in a way?

BRIAN STUARD: You know, maybe a little bit. Hard to say. I think it's just, I'm just trying to feel like I'm finding my way again, I guess. We'll see what happens. I putted really nice. I love putting on these greens, fast and pure, so just hope to keep it going.

Q. Talk a little bit about the conditions, both the heat today and also the golf course.

BRIAN STUARD: Yeah, it's hot and steamy for sure. The golf course is playing firm and fast, fairways are tough to hit. You don't really want to be in the rough going into these greens, so for me, I'm trying to hit all the fairways as best as I can and then kind of attack from there, and then if you do miss the fairway, you're kind of playing defensive. The greens are fast and you're just trying to pick some high lines and pick the right speed.