## **VERITEX BANK CHAMPIONSHIP**

## ROUND 3 INTERVIEW April 15, 2023

## **BRETT DREWITT (-17)**



Q. Brett, yet another bogey-free round under your belt heading into the final round with a five-stroke lead. Just walk us through how you're feeling right now.

**BRETT DREWITT:** I'm feeling good, feeling confident. Yeah, I'm just trying to stay out of as much trouble as I can out here. I got lucky today when I did get into trouble, I made some good decisions, hit some good shots and holed some good putts as well. Yeah, it's good to be bogey-free again. Just trying to plot my way around the course. It was a different wind today, so it was pretty tough out there.

Q. How's it feel going into the final day, Sunday, five strokes under your belt in the lead?

**BRETT DREWITT:** It feels good. Yeah, I haven't been in this position before, this big of a lead. Just keep doing what I'm doing is pretty much what I'm going to try and do. When I get a chance to go at it, I'll go at it. Other than that, play smart.

Q. I heard you had a pretty good almost near lip-out from a bunker today. Can you walk us through what happened there to save --

**BRETT DREWITT:** Yeah, I think it was 15 you're talking about. I hit a pretty poor shot in, another one of those times where I got lucky. The bunker didn't have much sand in it, trying to bounce through it a little bit and didn't have the spin that I wanted. I kind of hit the fringe and rolled down. It had a lot of speed on it, so I guess when you're in this situation, sometimes you get lucky. It caught the flag and finished up a foot away. It could have easily missed the flag and I could have had 10 feet coming back. Yeah, got to take advantage of the opportunities when they come.

Q. Are there any feels or kind of vibes this week that are similar to Lincolnland when you won a couple years ago?

BRETT DREWITT: Yes, still really good things that I feel like they're coming together nicely. Lincolnland was funny, it was kind of on the weekend I just had a feeling, like this is my time, I kind of had a feeling that it was going to happen. The start that I've had this year, it's nearly the same feeling. I'm not saying I am going to win tomorrow, but I've put myself into a really good chance to do it and I feel like if I keep doing what I'm doing, it's just going to happen. It could have easily happened in Savannah, it could have happened in Bogota. And look, it might not happen tomorrow, but it could happen next week. I've just got to keep putting



myself in those spots and it's going to happen.

## Q. Are there any kind of similarities like to what you grew up playing, kind of the linky, bouncy type of golf with the conditions this week?

BRETT DREWITT: Definitely. To be honest, it reminds me a lot of the old Panama. There's some times out here where you're going to get some bounces that you just don't expect. Like today on 17 I hit a drive, I think it was like 420 yards or something and I actually hit it into a spot, I made birdie but I was handcuffed, I had really no shot. I had to try and come up with something. Obviously I hit a really good shot from there. There's just bounces like that that you're just not going to -- you don't get on other golf courses and out here that's what you're going to get. It's nice that we had the elements where you can use the ground. You have to be careful of it sometimes if you land it short of the green, it's not going to stop, so you have to land it on. Yeah, it was funny, Sam and I were talking about the same thing on the way down 18, so yeah.

