

LECOM Suncoast Classic

ROUND 2 QUOTES

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BRANDON CRICK (-14)



Q. Brandon, 9 under today. What was working well for you out there on the course?

BRANDON CRICK: It was a combination of ball-striking and putting. I mean, I don't even know if I missed a fairway today, so it was nice playing from the fairway all day. I'm finally getting kind of putts to roll in, which has been kind of the tougher part of the last few months, so it's good to see some fall and putting good strokes on them.

Q. How do you feel about your game overall at the moment? Missed a few cuts to start the year, but you've been on a pretty nice streak recently.

BRANDON CRICK: Yeah, I came off a little rusty, kind of usually what happens, but really kind of kicked it in gear in Argentina and then Chile and got into groove where I kind of trusted my swing a little bit more. A little more comfortable out there getting a few more rounds under my belt.

I just, I don't know, I've always been pretty confident with my game and now, I mean, it's been like seven, eight years out here so I've seen all these courses four or five times, you'd think I'd get the hang of it a little bit. This is probably my fourth time out here and I know the course really well and kind of know some good spots to miss on. I mean, there's definitely some green complexes out here that you've got to know what side to miss on. Felt like I've been doing that well.

Q. What was kind of like your mindset coming in this season? I know last year Columbus was just -- just missed it by that one spot getting in the championship. Did that motivate you coming into this year?

BRANDON CRICK: Yeah, it did, it did. I knew I needed to get off to a fast start because I was subject to that reshuffle. Man, it was the most frustrating like first four weeks. Even my first three weeks I missed the cut by one, all of them, and then the fourth week it's like I had a great Saturday round and then I laid an egg on Sunday and finished pretty much dead last after making that cut.

I was in kind of a dark place after that, I didn't even really want to go to Argentina or Chile. Then talked with the team and the caddie and they kind of were like "you need to go." I went and played extremely well and it's kind of been great since. So I'm glad, I'm blessed that I got a good team behind me.



Q. Is there anything specific that they said to you to kind of refocus you and get you back out there?

BRANDON CRICK: I just think it was more or less I was close, you know what I mean? It's still with me. And being in Nebraska, I always kind of come out a little bit slower from the offseason just because I like to take that break, I like to be with family back home. You know, I finally am kind of getting it down to where I feel very comfortable out there and I'm hitting a lot of really quality golf shots.

Q. Now do you feel like the pressure's kind of off a little bit knowing that a couple nice finishes that you had that you've kind of given yourself a little bit of a gap in that reshuffle?

BRANDON CRICK: Absolutely, yeah. Kind of freewheeling it now. I feel pretty comfortable in the shuffle now and I feel like I'll get in most all of the rest of them going forward. Now I'm definitely a little more at ease than I was the first two, three tournaments out here.

Q. You come in today now finishing your round as the clubhouse leader. What's kind of your mindset heading into the weekend?

BRANDON CRICK: Kind of just do the same thing, fairways and greens. As I said, I hit a lot of fairways today, feel really comfortable with the driver and 3-wood off the tee when I need it. Just kind of hit the greens, make smart -- play smart golf. I mean, yeah, you can make a lot of birdies out here, but you don't have to birdie every hole. So I've done a good job. Even today I felt like I was extremely patient and just kind of let the course work out itself and just give myself as many opportunities as possible, and thankfully I got a lot to go kind of at the end.

